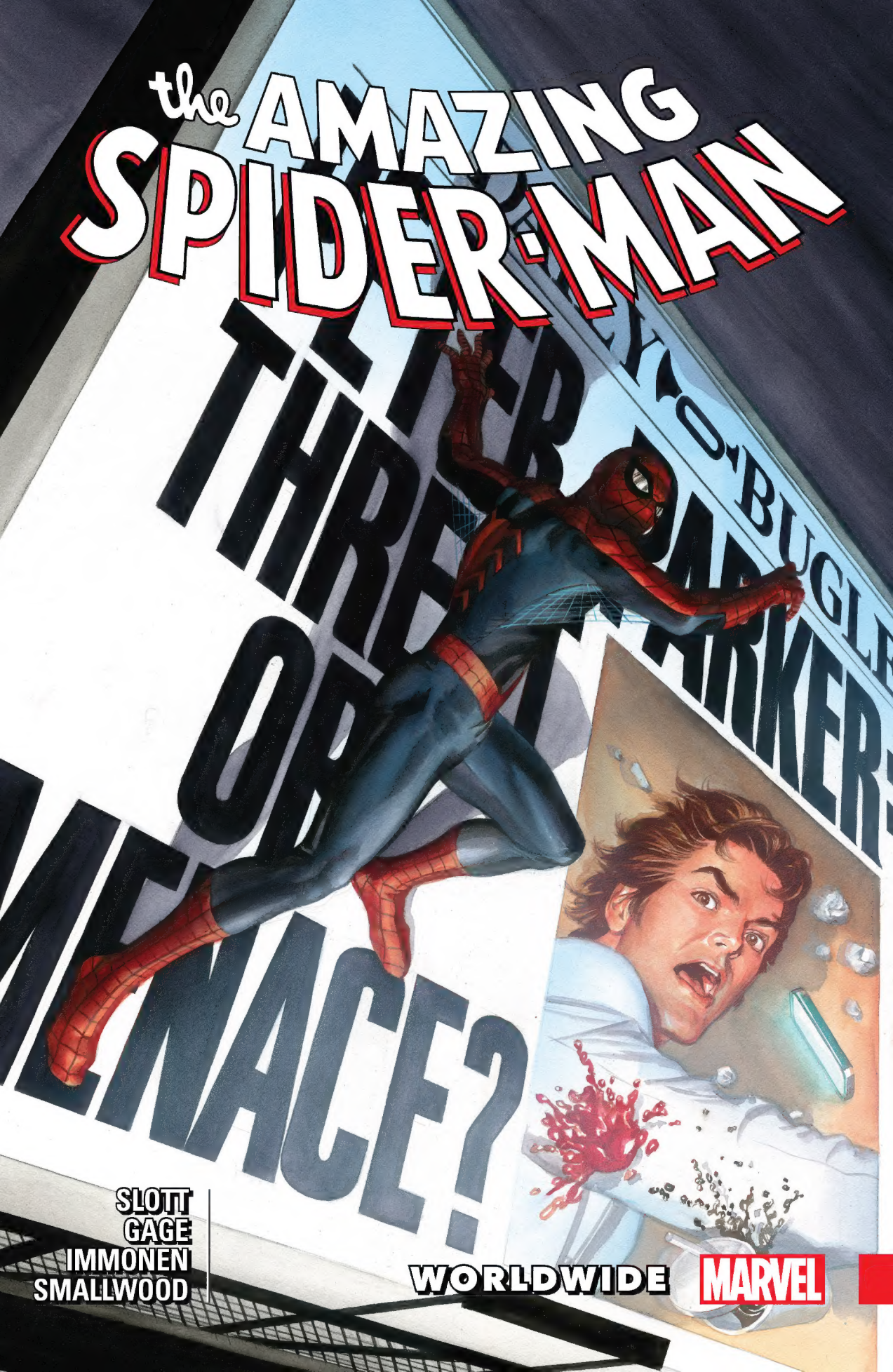
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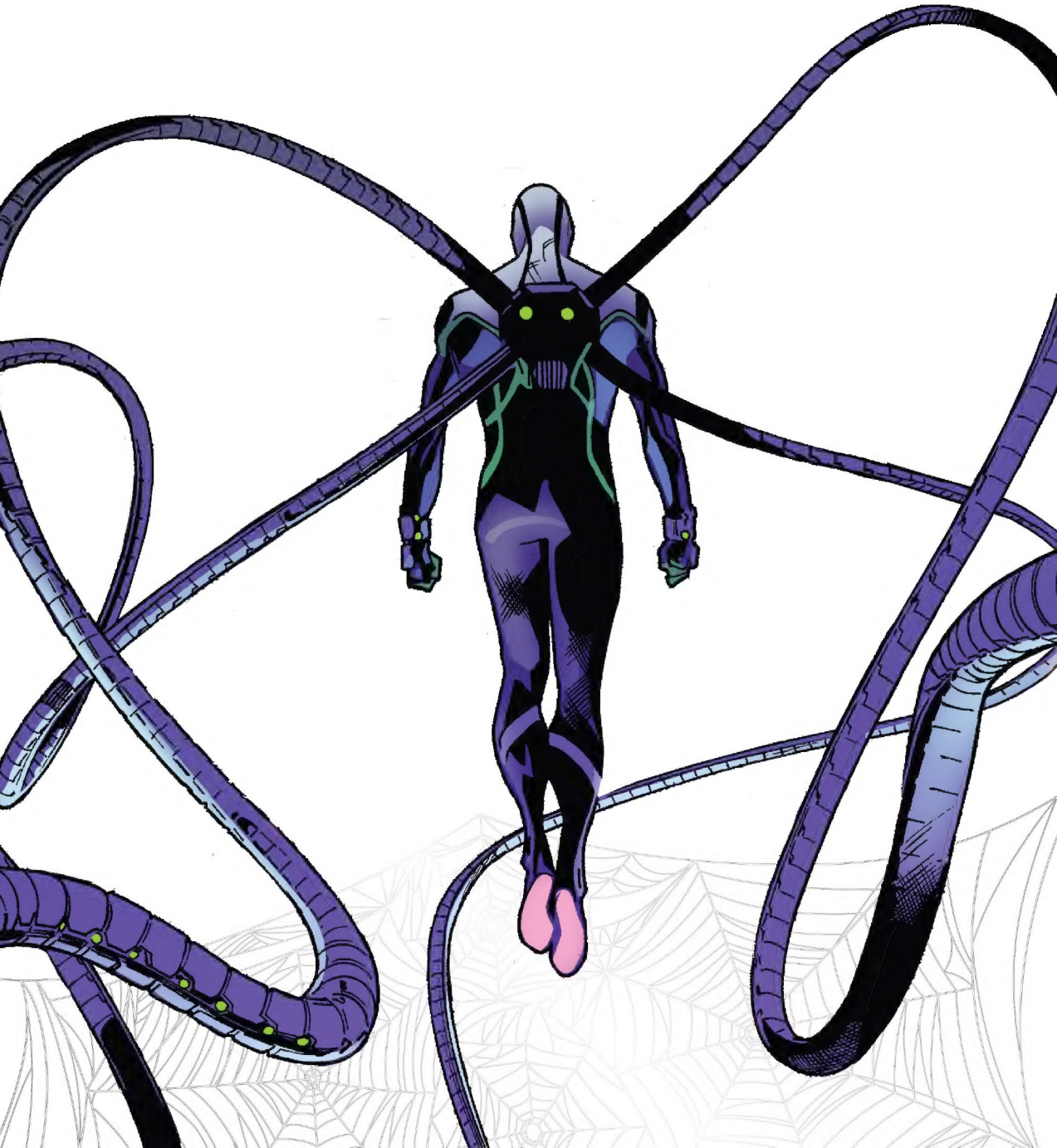

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LONDON.

PETE, REMEMBER, THIS INTERVIEW IS ABOUT ONE THING: *DAMAGE CONTROL.*

PARKER INDUSTRIES IS FACING A ZILLION LAWSUITS...

...AND YOU'VE GOT A REPUTATION FOR BEING... FLAKY.

"FLAKY"? HOW?

FOR ALWAYS RUNNING OFF AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE.

BECAUSE OF *THWIP THWIP.*

FOR THE SAKE OF OUR COMPANY, FOR THE NEXT TWENTY MINUTES, ***DON'T*** BE THAT GUY.

GOT IT. SO, ANNA MARIA, ANY WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT?

"GOOD LUCK, BOSS"? MAYBE A "GO GET 'EM, TIGER"?

DON'T SCREW UP.

THANKS FOR JOINING US, MR. PARKER. FIRST OFF, OUR VIEWERS NEED TO KNOW...

...WHAT KIND OF COMPANY ARE YOU RUNNING? LAST WEEK, ONE OF YOUR PRODUCTS WAS LINKED TO MASS CASES OF NAUSEA AND DISCOMFORT.

AND NOW, ***THIS WEEK,*** YOU PRIVATELY FUNDED A ***WAR.***

WOW. SO MUCH FOR SMALL TALK.

WE TOOK ACTION TO STOP ***TERRORISTS*** AND THE SPREAD OF A ***DEADLY VIRUS.***

SO IF YOU'RE SAYING PARKER INDUSTRIES VALUES PEOPLE OVER PROFITS, WELL, GUILTY AS CHARGED.

BUT YOU'RE NOT S.H.I.E.L.D. WHAT BUSINESS DOES A ***PUBLICLY TRADED COMPANY*** HAVE INVADING A COUNTRY AND OVERTHROWING ITS GOVERNMENT?

A GOVERNMENT THAT WAS GOING TO TURN ITS PEOPLE INTO ***GOBLINS***. C'MON! WE ***SAVED*** THEM.

FOR MORE ON THAT, LET'S GO LIVE TO SYMKARIA, AND RENOWNED FREEDOM FIGHTER **SILVER SABLE.**

CAN YOU OUTLINE YOUR COUNTRY'S CURRENT STATE OF CHAOS?

LIVE: SYMKARIA

CHAOS? ***NO.*** THERE'S INSTABILITY, CAUSED BY THE CRIMINALS WHO RECENTLY HELD POWER. BUT OUR PEOPLE ARE SAFE...

...THANKS TO PARKER INDUSTRIES AND ITS CHARITABLE ARM, THE ***UNCLE BEN FOUNDATION.*** MAY PARKER AND HER TEAM HAVE WORKED TIRELESSLY TO PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN AID.

AS WE'VE DONE, AND WILL ***CONTINUE*** TO DO, THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. PETER PARKER IS MY NEPHEW, AND I'M PROUD OF HIS SUCCESS...

...BUT I'M ***MOST*** PROUD THAT HE PUTS HELPING PEOPLE ***FIRST***. I'D LIKE TO THINK THAT'S THE KIND OF CORPORATE BEHAVIOR THE PUBLIC WANTS.

I KNOW SHE'S NOT AN IMPARTIAL SOURCE, BUT THAT MEANS THE WORLD TO ME.

EXCUSE ME, MR. PARKER, WE HAVE BREAKING NEWS...

I'M BEING TOLD EARTH IS ***UNDER ALIEN ATTACK.***

"SOME OF OUR MOST POWERFUL PROTECTORS HAVE JOINED WITH *ALPHA FLIGHT SPACE STATION* TO COMBAT AN INVASION BY THE ALIEN *CHITAURI*.

"WHAT YOU'RE SEEING IS *LIVE SATELLITE FOOTAGE.*"

AND, THIS JUST IN-- NEW YORK IS BEING OVERRUN BY A HORDE OF **ENHANCED CRIMINALS.**

WITH MANY OF EARTH'S HEROES FIGHTING THE INVASION, THOSE WHO REMAIN ARE STRUGGLING TO CONTAIN THIS ASSAULT, WHICH MAY WELL BE THE REASON FOR ITS TIMING...

I'M SORRY, MR. PARKER, BUT GIVEN WHAT'S HAPPENING, WE'LL HAVE TO RESCHEDULE.

OF COURSE. I SHOULD GET BACK TO THE OFFICE ANYWAY...

YOU WERE ***THIS CLOSE*** TO RUNNING OFF AGAIN! IN THE MIDDLE OF AN INTERVIEW!

WHAT WERE YOU PLANNING TO DO, ***FLY*** INTO SPACE TO HELP? OR ACROSS THE OCEAN?

SURE. I'VE GOT ALL KINDS OF SPIDER-CRAFT AT HQ THAT CAN--

REMEMBER WHEN I SAID ***NOT*** TO BE THAT GUY? YOU'RE ***BEING*** THAT GUY.

YOU SAW THE REPORT, ***CAPTAIN MARVEL'S*** ON THE CASE. NEW YORK'S LOUSY WITH CAPES. IT WAS FINE TO WAIT THIRTY SECONDS.

I'M ***NOT*** SAYING DON'T HELP PEOPLE...

...BUT YOU RUN A GLOBAL COMPANY. A LOT OF FOLKS THERE DEPEND ON YOU, TOO.

YOU'RE... NOT WRONG.

HOW DID IRON MAN EVER DO THIS?

WITH AN ENLARGED LIVER AND AN ARTIFICIAL HEART. HANG IN THERE, PETE. YOU JUST MIGHT PULL THROUGH...

BLOOP BLOOP

OH, JUST WHAT I NEED...MY EX IS IN A CAFE AROUND THE CORNER AND NEEDS TO SEE ME. *URGENTLY.*

OKAY, AIDEN, AFTER THE WAY YOU LEFT ME, THIS BETTER BE A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH!

AIDEN *BLAIN?* I DIDN'T KNOW YOU BROKE UP. WAIT...I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE *DATING.*

CONGRATS! YOU'RE NOT JUST A BAD C.E.O., YOU'RE A PRETTY LOUSY FRIEND, TOO.

BUT YOU TOOK A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION TONIGHT. WE'LL WORK ON THE FRIEND PART LATER...

...AFTER YOU GET BACK FROM SPACE. OR NEW YORK. OR WHEREVER. BE CAREFUL!

SHE'S RIGHT. I DO AS MUCH GOOD THROUGH PARKER INDUSTRIES AS I DO IN THE SPIDEY SUIT. I NEED TO--

SOMETHING'S WRONG. SPIDER-SENSE IS GOING OFF...JUST AS I WAS ABOUT TO HEAD IN...

...WHICH MEANS INSTEAD OF C.E.O....

...THEY'RE GONNA GET A VISIT FROM PARKER INDUSTRIES' HEAD OF SECURITY.

HEY, EVERYONE!

NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT. JUST A ROUTINE SWEEP BEFORE THE BOSS SHOWS.

YOU GUYS ARE HERE LATE, HUH? THANKS FOR WORKING SO HARD, UH...

SUSAN? NO, SUSAN'S ON MATERNITY LEAVE...

MAN, I'VE REALLY BEEN NEGLECTING THIS PLACE. I DON'T KNOW *ANY* OF THESE PEOPLE...

WAIT. NO, I'M *SURE* GERALD WORKS NIGHTS. 89% SURE.

HEY. WHERE'S GERALD?

HE'S ON TO US.

HAIL HYDRA!

YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME.

SWARM HIM! HOLD HIM! ARMED RESPONSE IS EN ROUTE!

WHY WAIT FOR THEM? WE DON'T NEED WEAPONS! WE'RE HYDRA!

OKAY, NOW I KNOW YOU'RE KIDDING.

THE DAY I CAN'T HANDLE...

...A BUNCH OF HYDRA GOONS...

...IS THE DAY...NAH, Y'KNOW WHAT?

THAT DAY'LL NEVER COME!

SHREEEEE

STAND DOWN, ALL OF YOU. IMPEDE HIM NO FURTHER.

SPIDER-MAN'S BUSINESS HERE TONIGHT...IS WITH ME.

MUCH AS I'D LOVE TO KEEP BOPPING YOU GUYS, LOOKS LIKE I GET TO SAVE MY BEST SWINGS FOR YOUR *OTHER* BOSS.

AND YOU KNOW WHAT? I'M TELLING PARKER. YOU'RE ALL FIRED.

AND DON'T EVEN *THINK* OF TAKING A STAPLER.

DESOLATE. JUST WHAT I'D EXPECT AT THIS HOUR. HOPEFULLY THAT MEANS MY *REAL* EMPLOYEES JUST WENT HOME.

ALL PERSONNEL, CLEAR THE BUILDING. ALLOW NO ONE IN. HOLD PERIMETER DELTA--GENTLY, BUT FIRMLY.

AND OF COURSE HE'S IN *MY* OFFICE.

OKAY, I *KINDA* KNOW YOUR VOICE. IT SOUNDS VAGUELY FAMILIAR...BUT I CAN'T PLACE IT.

SO WHY DON'T YOU GO AHEAD AND YELL YOUR NAME. Y'KNOW, THE WAY YOU BAD GUYS LOVE TO DO.

REALLY, *PARKER*, THERE'S NO NEED FOR SUCH HISTRIONICS. YOU KNOW ME AS WELL AS I KNOW YOU.

AFTER ALL, I'VE WALKED MILES IN YOUR SHOES.

DOC OCK.

SO YOU SURVIVED. AGAIN. CLONE BODY?

TECHNICALLY, YES. BUT NOT LIKE THE OTHERS.

FAR *SUPERIOR.*

BEATS GOING LOW-CARB, I GUESS. SO YOU'RE BACK-- CAN'T SAY I'M SURPRISED.

WORKING WITH *HYDRA*, THOUGH, DOC? THAT'S SINKING *LOW.*

THEY, TOO, ARE NOT WHAT THEY *WERE.* THEIR DAY IS COMING.

HYDRA. YEAH, *RIGHT.*

LISTEN, OTTO, I KNOW THERE'S GOOD IN YOU. I'VE ***SEEN*** IT. YOU CAN STILL GET OFF THIS CRAZY TRAIN.

COME WITH ME TO NEW YORK, HELP ME STOP THIS WHATEVER-IT-IS, AND I'LL ***HELP*** YOU MAKE A NEW START--

SILENCE. IT IS ***I*** WHO HAVE AN OFFER TO EXTEND, NOT ***YOU.***

I'VE BEEN IN YOUR HEAD. I FEEL A ***KINSHIP*** OF SORTS TO YOU... AND THE PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE. THAT'S WHY I AM GIVING ***YOU*** THE OPPORTUNITY...

...TO PEACEFULLY TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF PARKER INDUSTRIES TO ***ME!***

WHAT?!

WHY WOULD I GIVE MY COMPANY TO--

YOUR COMPANY? PARKER, YOUR CAPACITY FOR SELF-DELUSION IS STAGGERING.

"IT WAS I, IN YOUR BODY, WHO *LAUNCHED* PARKER INDUSTRIES.

"AND EVEN AFTERWARD, WHEN MY CONSCIOUSNESS WAS TRAPPED IN THE *LIVING BRAIN*, I HACKED SYSTEMS AND MANIPULATED MARKETS TO FAVOR US!

"DON'T TELL ME YOU CREDITED THAT TO YOUR 'BUSINESS ACUMEN.' *HAH!*"

NUH-UH. NO DICE. WEBWARE IS OUR SIGNATURE PRODUCT, AND THAT'S *ALL ME.*

AND MY INVENTIONS HAVE BEEN THE *CORNERSTONE* OF--

WEBWARE? **HA HA HA HA!**

WEBWARE IS THE *BIGGEST JOKE OF ALL!*

LIKE *ALL* YOUR DERIVATIVE WORK, INTENTIONALLY OR NOT, YOUR WEBWARE DESIGN IS STOLEN...

...FROM THE OTHER-WORLDLY COMMUNICATORS WE ONCE USED AS... UGH..."WEB-WARRIORS."*

*IN THE SPECTACULAR SAGA KNOWN AS SPIDER-VERSE! --NEIGHBORLY NICK

IS THAT TRUE?

I-- I NEVER MEANT TO--

I HAVE NEITHER THE TIME NOR PATIENCE FOR YOU TO WRESTLE WITH YOUR PRIDE AND PRECIOUS ETHICS.

AND I REQUIRE YOU TO EAT MY WEBBED SHORTS.

THIS IS MY COMPANY. I'LL *NEVER* GIVE IT UP TO YOU.

WILL YOU SURRENDER PARKER INDUSTRIES? *I REQUIRE AN ANSWER! NOW!*

DISAPPOINTING. BUT *HARDLY* SURPRISING.

ONCE AGAIN YOU FORCE MY HAND.

BEHOLD! THE BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, NOW ENGULFED BY A BUBBLE OF EBON ENERGY.

WH-- HOW DID THAT--?

I COULD TELL YOU, BUT IT'S HARDLY RELEVANT. WHAT MATTERS IS WHAT THE WORLD *BELIEVES*...

...OR WHAT I *WISH* THEM TO BELIEVE.

BLOOP

*THE LAST IMAGES OUT OF NEW YORK BEFORE ALL CONTACT WAS LOST SHOW A FIELD OF DARKNESS EMANATING FROM **PARKER INDUSTRIES.***

THAT FLOOR HOUSES THEIR MOST CUTTING-EDGE EXPERIMENTS, ONE OF WHICH HAS APPARENTLY SPUN OUT OF CONTROL, CUTTING OFF THE ENTIRE ISLAND...

LIES AND POPPYCOCK? INDEED. BUT NEVERTHELESS *EFFECTIVE.*

AND THE WORLD WILL BLAME *PETER PARKER* FOR MANHATTAN'S DARK FATE.

UNDO IT! NOW!

MY FRIENDS-- YOU SAID YOU CARED ABOUT THEM!

A FEW. MOST ARE CRETINS. HARRY, BETTY, MARY JANE... PERHAPS IF YOU'D BEEN THERE...

...BUT THEY'RE TRAPPED NOW. BECAUSE OF *YOU*. SO SAD.

SHUT UP!

OH, I'M SORRY...

...WAS THAT YOUR BEST SHOT?

NOPE.
THWIP
THWIP
SPLAT
NOT EVEN CLOSE!
FZZZZ
FOOL. I PREPARED FOR YOUR WEBBING.
I KNOW ALL YOUR TRICKS!
WHABAAM
AND I KNOW HOW TO COUNTER THEM!
HERE'S A NEW ONE--WANT REGULAR OR DECAF?
THWIP
THWIP
HOW 'BOUT *BOTH*?
AARRH!
KRAK
AND FOR THE ENCORE, AN OLD FAVORITE.

WIPING THE FLOOR WITH--

BEEP

ALL AVENGERS-- I REPEAT, ANY AND ALL AVENGERS THAT ARE LEFT--THIS IS IRON MAN.

IF YOU CAN HEAR THIS, YOUR SERVICES ARE REQUIRED IMMEDIATELY--

AH, THE ALL-OUT ASSAULT ON WASHINGTON. WELL, WHAT'LL IT BE, PETER? STAY HERE...

...OR HELP YOUR POOR FRIENDS WHEN-- TRUST ME ON THIS-- THEY'LL NEED YOU THE MOST?

CAN'T BELIEVE I THOUGHT HE HAD A *CONSCIENCE!*

ALL RIGHT, LESS ANGER, MORE REVIEWING BASICS OF PILOTING A SUPERSONIC POGO PLANE...

I'LL HAVE TO SETTLE WITH OTTO LATER.

IF THERE *IS* A LATER.

OI! THEY'RE LAUNCHING *ROCKETS* NOW? THAT CAN'T BE SAFE, CAN IT?

EXCELLENT POINT...BEST TO STAY CLEAR OF THE AREA.

IN THESE TIMES, ONE MUST BE PREPARED FOR ANYTHING.

BRRROOOOMMMM

KLIK

UREET

STOOD UP. THAT'S PETTY, AIDEN, EVEN FOR--

HUH?

RUN!

THE BUILDING'S COMING DOWN!

WHAT...

...BUILDING...?

OH, GOD...

ALLOW ME TO PAY THE BILL FOR THE LADY WHO JUST LEFT.

SHE'S NORMALLY VERY THOUGHTFUL AND I'M AFRAID I'VE PUT HER OUT.

BUT I'M CONFIDENT THAT ALL WILL BE WELL, DEAR ANNA. AND WHY NOT?

EVERYTHING HAS GONE PERFECTLY *ACCORDING TO PLAN.*

TO BE CONTINUED!

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HAIL HYDR-- Wait a second, NO! The Superior Octopus IS awesome and handsome and capable, but HE'S DOING BAD THINGS! MUST NOT LIKE HIM!

Yeesh, that was a close one. Boy, Peter's got his hands full here, doesn't he? Welcome to our SECRET EMPIRE tie-in arc. The Marvel Universe is in deep doo-doo at the hands of a Cosmic Cube-changed Steve Rogers, and it's up to Spider-Man and friends to do something about it. If you've been reading SECRET EMPIRE proper, you know that stopping StEVIL Rogers is easier said than done. And then there's the addition of our favorite eight-tentacled Spider-Foe! My true belief is shaken, True Believers. Maybe your letters will give me hope!

Hey Nick & your Amazing Friends,

Can we keep Stuart on pencils for, say, ever? Please?! LOVE it! Totally elevates Slott's schlock. (Wait, that sounds dirtier than I intended.) Just kidding, Dan. ;) Keep doing what you're doing. Is it really going on seven years on ASM? Congrats, sir!

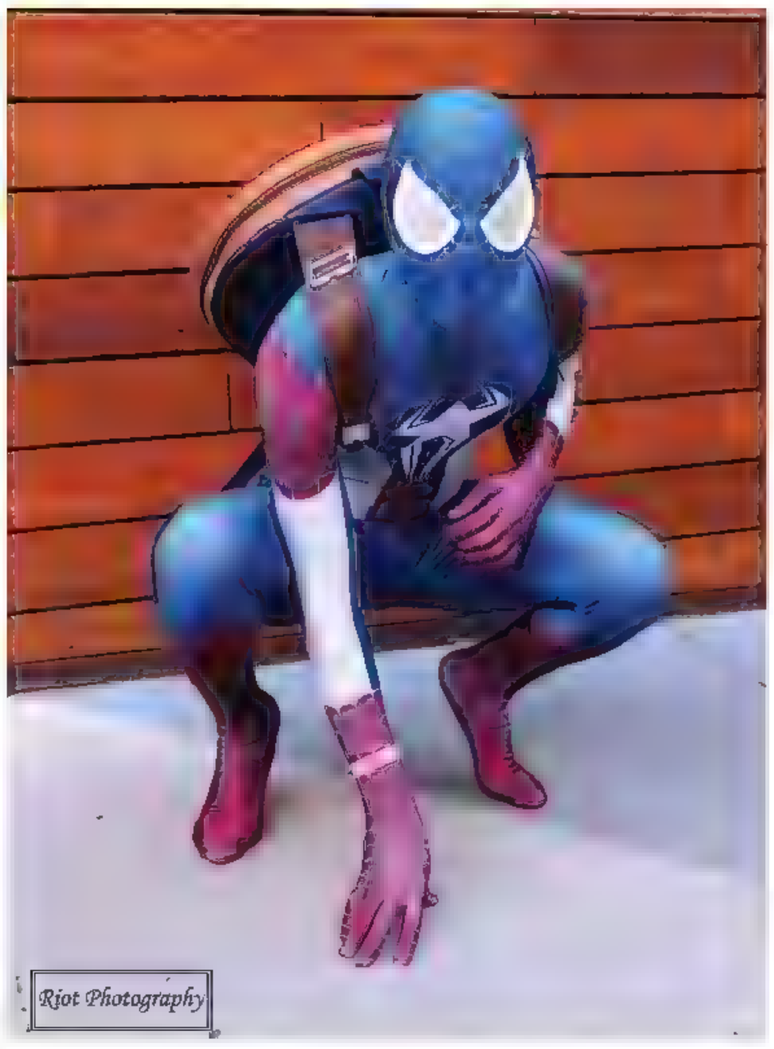
Best,
Rick Yankosky
Hainesport, NJ

From your mouth to God's (and Stuart's) ears. Stuart and Dan are a match made in heaven, which I know because I've seen how amazing Stuart is doing on ASM #31 right now! And the same goes for Wade and Marte!

Hi Spider-Team,

I have to say, you guys never cease to amaze me! I've been reading Spider-Man comics since high school and each story arc gets better and better. I'm getting my little brother into the Spider-Man comics and now Spidey is his favorite super hero! It was my love for Spider-Man that encouraged me to cosplay at conventions. I mostly cosplayed different versions of Spider-Man. My most recent Spider-Man cosplay was Captain Spidey (a mash-up between Captain America and Spider-Man). This is a photo of my costume taken by my friend Samia (riot.selene on Instagram). I want to cosplay as many versions of Spider-Man as possible. I have a couple of questions: 1) What's next for Spider-Man after "THE OSBORN IDENTITY" and "SECRET EMPIRE"? 2) Will there be another brother reunion between Peter, Kaine and Ben? 3) Will Peter take his relationship with Mockingbird to the next level?

Your Fan,
Anthony



LOOKING GOOD, Anthony! Love that mash-up. Heck, maybe this is how SECRET EMPIRE ends! To answer your questions: 1) After this incredible tie-in arc, there might not be any super hero comics as the villains are winning! 2) A Peter/Ben/Kaine reunion is never out of the question, but it depends on the scintillating sequence of events in BEN REILLY: SCARLET SPIDER! 3) For more details on Pebbie...Botter...not sure what cute Peter/Bobbie name combo is best...come back in two weeks for ASM #30!

Dear Spider-Crew,

I am a 14-year-old boy living in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and the only thing my friends and I love talking about are comics. I have been a huge Spidey fan since I was 3 years old and now I don't miss a single thing about the web-head, but I do have some that have been on my mind lately, questions like:

1. Why was the only time we saw Spidey use his spider-sense during #4 of ASM stating "Time to use my new super-power" and nowhere after that?

2. Is Spidey going to lose his company in future issues?

3. Are Peter and Ben Reilly ever meeting again?

Also keep up the fantastic work.

Sincerely,
Asher T.

Thanks for writing in and for getting your brother hooked on Spidey, Asher! To answer your questions: 1) I'm not sure what you're referring to if it's something other than Spidey's Spider-Sense that warns him of immediate danger, but he uses it all the time! Looked through our most recent ASM #4 and the original ASM #4 and couldn't find another sense that you're referring to. Write back in if I'm missing something! 2) Is Spidey going to lose his company? Why do you want to know?! SOUNDS LIKE INSIDER TRADING! 3) I find it hard to believe that Peter and Ben won't meet again. First, Peter has to learn that Ben's alive at all!

That's all for this issue! Make sure you're back at your local comic book shop in two weeks for the next incredible issue of AMAZING SPIDER-MAN! Let's hope Peter can make a difference and help de-Hydra the USA!

Keep on webbing!

NICK

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MEANWHILE, DOCTOR OCTOPUS, WHO HAD A HIDDEN HAND IN CREATING PARKER INDUSTRIES, HAS GROWN DISGUSTED WITH THE PATH PETER HAS PUT THE COMPANY ON. DOC OCK HAS HAD ENOUGH AND JOINED FORCES WITH HYDRA TO LOOT, SABOTAGE, AND DESTROY PARKER INDUSTRIES.

OCK LAUNCHED AN ATTACK AGAINST SPIDER-MAN IN P.I.'S LONDON BRANCH. SPIDER-MAN LOOKED LIKE HE WAS GAINING THE UPPER-HAND, BUT HAD TO LEAD MID-FIGHT TO FLY BACK TO AMERICA AND HELP HIS FELLOW SUPER HEROES STOP HYDRA'S ALL OUT ASSAULT ON WASHINGTON D.C.

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WHAT JUST HAPPENED?

ONE SECOND I'M WITH A WHOLE BUNCH OF HEROES FIGHTING HYDRA, AND THE NEXT...

...IT'S OVER. WE *LOST*. WHAT *CHANCE* DID WE HAVE? THEY HAD *CAPTAIN AMERICA!*

OH GOD. CAP'S WITH *HYDRA?!* HOW DO YOU *STOP THAT?!*

HE'S THE MAN WHO NEVER GIVES UP! NEVER WAVERS! THE MAN WHO *ALWAYS* FINDS A WAY!

YEAH?! WELL, GUESS WHAT? *SO AM I!*

QUICKSILVER! RUN AROUND. KICK UP SOME DUST. WE NEED *COVER!*

WHO ARE YOU TO GIVE ME--

NOW!

THE REST OF YOU, *ON YOUR FEET!*

GOOD FIRST STEP. SO WHAT'S OUR PLAN?

WHAT?!

THE PLAN IS WE'RE *GETTING THE HECK OUT OF HERE!*

THAT WAS *CAP* BACK THERE! LEADING *HYDRA!* AND HOLDING *THOR'S HAMMER!* WE'RE *DONE!*

WHAT DO YOU NEED US TO DO?

TAKE OFF. GO TO GROUND.

WE LOST TODAY. WE'LL GET 'EM *TOMORROW.*

GO! I'LL DRAW THEIR FIRE!

MAN, WHEN DID SPIDEY GET SO BOSSY?

THERE! I CAN SEE ONE OF THEM!

FIRE!

THIS RIGHT HERE IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU MAKE ME C.E.O. OF A COMPANY FOR A YEAR.

I LOOK AT THE BIG PICTURE.

MOCKINGBIRD, LOOK OUT!

YOU KNOW, WE GET A BONUS FOR EACH ONE OF YOU WE--

THWIP

WHA--?

I TAKE ACTION. AND, BASICALLY, I ORDER EVERYBODY AROUND.

GUYS, WE'RE RETREATING! GRAB WHO YOU CAN AND *GET OUT!*

THWUD

HEY!

WHAT? I'M GRABBING AND GETTING. GOT A PROBLEM WITH THAT?

NOPE.

SO. WHERE TO NEXT?

I'M PARKED A MILE SOUTH OF HERE.

OOH. THAT'S A NASTY CUT. HERE, THIS SHOULD HOLD IT.

OW! PARKER!

SORRY.

I PUT OUT A CALL TO EVERYONE I COULD, WE GOTTA PUT TOGETHER SOME KIND OF RESISTANCE. WHATTYA SAY?

I CAN'T. NOT RIGHT NOW. DOCTOR OCTOPUS IS BACK. AND HE'S GUNNING FOR PARKER INDUSTRIES.

NO. *NUH-UH.* THIS IS WAY MORE IMPORTANT.

THEY MUST SEE PARKER INDUSTRIES AS A THREAT. LAST WEEK WE USED IT TO LIBERATE A COUNTRY.

OR MAYBE THEY THINK IT'S AN ***ASSET.***

IMAGINE, ON TOP OF EVERY-THING, IF THEY GOT THEIR HANDS ON MY COMPANY. MY ***TECH.***

BOBBI, OCK'S WORKING WITH ***HYDRA.***

WHAT?

SHH. HERE.

WHAT WAS THAT FOR?

LUCK. TELL YOU WHAT, AFTER YOU PULL THIS OFF, STOP DOC OCK...

...AND GET BACK AND HELP ME SAVE THE WORLD, WE CAN GO ON THAT DATE YOU SO AWKWARDLY ASKED FOR.

BUT ***ONLY*** IF WE SAVE THE WORLD?

YEP.

DEAL.

SAN FRANCISCO.

PARKER INDUSTR

ON BEHALF OF THE EVER-BENEVOLENT HYDRA, I HAVE ONE LAST DEMAND...

...BEFORE PASSING OVER AUTONOMY AND INDEPENDENCE OF THIS CITY-STATE TO MUTANT-KIND.

AND THE HUMANS WHO WISH TO STAY BEHIND AS YOUR...WHAT--"PETS"?

DON'T MAKE ME READ YOUR MIND, *OCTAVIUS*. I'M SURE I WOULDN'T LIKE IT IN THERE.

OUT WITH IT. WHAT DO YOU WANT?

FULL ACCESS TO PARKER INDUSTRIES SAN FRANCISCO.

THERE ARE A FEW PALTRY ITEMS INSIDE WHICH INTEREST ME.

NAH. DON'T THINK SO. THAT WAS NEVER PART OF THE BARGAIN.

THIS'S *OUR* PLACE NOW. FREE AND CLEAR. YOU DON'T GET TO MAKE ANY DEMANDS.

¿COMPRENDE?

WHAT THE--

AS I WAS SAYING, THIS IS A MEAGER REQUEST. HARDLY WORTH MY PRECIOUS TIME...

#$%&!

...BUT IF YOU WISH TO REOPEN NEGOTIATIONS WITH HYDRA AND RISK *FUTURE* ENTANGLEMENTS...?

GOOD. THEN WE'RE AGREED.

THIS IS WRONG, DR. McCOY. *HORIZON U* HAS TIES TO PARKER INDUSTRIES. AND WE WON'T SIT BACK WHILE--

PLEASE, MR. MODELL. IT'S FOR THE BEST.

IF YOU CAN GET IN, TAKE WHAT YOU NEED, OCK. BUT THEN *NEVER* BOTHER US AGAIN.

CLICK

"IF I CAN GET IN." DOLT.

YOU HAVE TWENTY MINUTES. HARD DRIVES, OFFICE FILES, SERVER BLADES--I WANT IT ALL.

AND BE ALERT. I KNOW HOW SPIDER-MAN THINKS.

AN INTREPID MISSION BEHIND ENEMY LINES IN A FOOLHARDY ATTEMPT TO THWART ME.

THAT'S HIM ALL OVER. I COULD SET MY WATCH TO IT.

INTRIGUING.

WE'VE SHARED A MIND, PARKER. I WAS *CERTAIN* YOU WOULD'VE MADE A MOVE HERE.

WHERE ON EARTH COULD YOU BE?

SHANGHAI.

"YOU CAME ALL THE WAY HERE? IN *WHAT?*"

WITH SOME STOPS ALONG THE WAY. WHAT ELSE COULD I DO, MIN?

LONDON'S FALLEN. NEW YORK'S OFF THE GRID.

AND SAN FRANCISCO IS NOW MUTANT TERRITORY-- BY HYDRA DECREE.

YOU'RE PICKING AND CHOOSING YOUR BATTLES, MR. PARKER.

THE ONES I CAN WIN. STAKES ARE TOO HIGH TO PLAY IT ANY OTHER WAY.

SHANGHAI'S MY LAST STAND. ALL RIGHT, LET'S ADDRESS THE TROOPS.

OTTO OCTAVIUS IS COMING. HE WANTS TO RAID THIS PLACE, AND LOOT IT OF ALL THE HARD WORK WE'VE DONE.

I CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO THINK WHAT HE-- OR HYDRA--WOULD DO WITH OUR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY.

I HAVE A PLAN, BUT I'M GOING TO NEED YOUR HELP. YOU'RE SOME OF THE MOST CREATIVE THINKERS I'VE EVER MET.

I KNOW WE CAN DO THIS *TOGETHER*. ARE YOU WITH ME?

THIS ISN'T A CHINESE COMPANY. IT'S *YOUR* COMPANY, PARKER. AN *AMERICAN* COMPANY.

AND AMERICA IS *ALREADY* HYDRA. AS FAR AS ANY OF US ARE CONCERNED, THIS IS POINTLESS. COME ON.

WE *COULD* FOCUS ON THOSE WHO LEFT...

...BUT I'D RATHER BE *GRATEFUL* FOR ALL OF YOU WHO STAYED.

NOW IT'S TIME TO GET TO WORK. *LET'S DO THIS!*

MR. PARKER! WILL YOU HAVE *SPIDER-MAN* HERE TO HELP US?!

I GUARANTEE IT!

AND WHO WILL HELP *HIM* THIS TIME?

I'M SORRY, I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

SOMEONE *ALWAYS* HELPS SPIDER-MAN.

MOCKINGBIRD. PROWLER. HUMAN TORCH. SILVER SABLE. WHO WILL IT BE THIS TIME?

YOU.

TODAY, *YOU* GET TO BE HEROES.

PETER, SORRY TO INTERRUPT, BUT WU WANTS TO SEE YOU. HE SAYS IT'S IMPORTANT.

WU. HE'S BRILLIANT, BUT HE CAN'T STAND ME. WHAT'LL BE THIS TIME? ANOTHER WALKOUT?

OR SOMETHING WORSE.

EASY, CHUNHUA. ARE YOU FEELING UP FOR THE MOVE?
DO I HAVE A CHOICE?
MOTHER.
DR. WU? WHAT IS IT? I'M KINDA UNDER THE GUN HERE.
AH. SO *THIS* IS DR. PARKER. THEY SAY YOU'RE THE ONE RESPONSIBLE... FOR WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON.
PETER, I DON'T THINK YOU'VE MET MY MOTHER YET.
MRS. TANG, THIS IS AN HONOR.
YOUR DAUGHTER, LIEN, HAS BEEN INVALUABLE TO PARKER INDUSTRIES.
HER WORK ON SPIDER-MAN'S VEHICLES HAS HELPED HIM SAVE COUNTLESS LIVES.
LIEN'S AN AMAZING ENGINEER!
SHE GETS THAT FROM ME.
SHE'S OFTEN SAID THAT. SO... THANK *YOU*.
WAIT. I DIDN'T GET TO TELL HIM...MY TREATMENTS. WE OWE THAT MAN SO MUCH.
LATER. DR. SHEN, CAN YOU SEE THAT MY MOTHER'S SAFELY ESCORTED OFF-SITE WITH THE OTHER PATIENTS?
OF COURSE.
SORRY, DOCTOR, BUT MIN SAID THIS WAS URGENT. I KNOW WE HAVEN'T ALWAYS HIT IT OFF...
...IF YOU FEEL YOU HAVE TO GO, I UNDERSTAND. BUT--
HMM. YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE ME SAY IT, AREN'T YOU? FINE.
THANK YOU, PARKER.
NEITHER MY GOVERNMENT NOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR WOULD'VE POURED AS MANY RESOURCES INTO MY CANCER RESEARCH.
YOU PLACED POWER AND RESPONSIBILITY OVER PROFIT. AND REAPED THE GREATEST REWARD OF ALL.
A DAUGHTER SPENDING MORE TIME WITH HER MOTHER.
I... DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY.
I DO. I BETRAYED YOU, PETE. AND YOU GAVE ME ANOTHER CHANCE. I'M NOT GOING TO WASTE IT.
I'LL BE IN THE VEHICLE BAY. ALL OUR EQUIPMENT, EVERYTHING I DESIGNED, EVERYTHING YOU AND I WORKED ON...
...IT'LL BE GOOD TO GO. WE'LL BE THERE FOR YOU. ALL OF US.

ZURICH AIRPORT.

CHINA TO SYMKARIA AND BACK AGAIN.

MAY PARKER-JAMESON, WHO'D EVER THINK *YOU'D* BE SOME KIND INTERNATIONAL JETSETTER?

NOW LET'S SEE...WHERE'S THAT CONNECTING FLIGHT TO--

THIS JUST IN! BREAKING DEVELOPMENTS ABOUT THE ATTACK ON NEW YORK...

NEWLY DISCOVERED FOOTAGE SHOWS THAT THE SOURCE OF THE ENERGY DOME SURROUNDING MANHATTAN...

*...ORIGINATED FROM A LAB INSIDE **PARKER INDUSTRIES.** IT IS UNCLEAR AT THIS TIME IF THIS WAS BY ACCIDENT OR DESIGN.*

ALL WE CAN CONFIRM IS THAT NO FURTHER TRANSMISSIONS ARE GOING IN OR OUT OF THE CITY.

*NEW YORK REMAINS CUT OFF FROM THE REST OF THE WORLD.**

**SEE LAST ISSUE, WEB-HEADS! --HYDRA DEVIN*

ALL THOSE POOR PEOPLE.

ANNA, MARY JANE, JONAH, HARRY... EVERYONE I KNOW...

SHORT OF PRAYING, THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO FOR THEM FROM HERE.

HAVE TO FOCUS. MY HUSBANDS' LEGACIES ARE AT STAKE. JAY WAS ONE OF PARKER INDUSTRIES' CHIEF SHAREHOLDERS...

...AND OUR COMPANY'S CHARITY IS NAMED AFTER BEN.

WE'VE TAKEN HIT AFTER HIT RECENTLY. WELL, IF PETER ISN'T GOING TO RIGHT THIS SHIP, MAYBE THERE'S SOMETHING I CAN DO! CHIN UP!

MISS? IS THAT A WEBWARE DEVICE?

WHY, YES. IN FACT, MY COMPANY--

SORRY, BUT I'M GOING TO HAVE TO ASK YOU TO REMOVE THAT. REGULATIONS.

A NEW REPORT SAYS IN SOME CASES THEY *EXPLODE.*

PARKER INDUSTRIES SHANGHAI

PETER, THIS IS MY LIFE'S WORK. AND YOU'RE ASKING ME TO...?

BE READY TO DESTROY IT AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE. YOUR FILES, NOTES, EVERY SAMPLE. BACKUPS, TOO.

MY GREEN ENERGY RESEARCH--I'M ABOUT TO HIT A MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH. THIS COULD CHANGE THE WORLD.

I KNOW, BUT AS A POWER SOURCE, IT'S DANGEROUS. AND DOCTOR OCTOPUS IS COMING FOR IT. FOR EVERYTHING.

WE CAN'T LET P.I.'S INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY FALL INTO HIS HANDS. WHAT HE COULD DO WITH IT--

I KNOW WHAT MY RESEARCH IS CAPABLE OF. I'VE... WITNESSED IT FIRSTHAND.

BUT I *STABILIZED* THE REACTION. IF I HAD TO START AGAIN, FROM SCRATCH--

I DON'T HAVE AN EIDETIC MEMORY, PETER. WHAT IF I *CAN'T* RE-CREATE IT?!

HOPEFULLY IT WON'T COME TO THAT.

PROMISE ME IT WON'T. PLEASE.

I'M SORRY, PHILLIP. I CAN'T.

OH, NO.

"SPIDER-SENSE.

"THIS IS IT.

OUT OF THE WAY!

STUDIO, ARE YOU GETTING THIS?

EVERYONE, STAY CALM!

AHH!

MOVE IT!

"HE'S HERE."

SUIT, ON. LINK ME INTO THE BUILDING'S OPERATING SYSTEM.

ACTIVATE THE EMERGENCY GENERATOR.

GOOD. NOW PATCH ME THROUGH THE INTERCOM.

EVERYONE, TO YOUR STATIONS. THIS IS NOT A DRILL.

DON'T WORRY. I'VE GOT AHOLD OF SPIDER-MAN. HE'S ON HIS WAY!

REALLY, PARKER? THAT'S ALL YOU'VE GOT FOR THEM? "SPIDER-MAN'S ON THE WAY"?

HA! THAT'S LITTLE COMFORT INDEED!

HEY! GET OFF MY CHANNEL, OCK!

LIEN, HOW'RE THINGS IN THE MOTOR POOL?

READY TO ROLL. JUST GIVE THE WORD.

SPIDER-RIDER, YOU ARE GOOD TO GO.

I WANT EVERYONE OUT OF THERE, OKAY?

YOU HEARD THE MAN. PUNCH IT!

EVACUATING SO SOON?

SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

FIRST SMART THING YOU'VE DONE IN DAYS.

THANKS, I'LL TAKE THAT AS--WAIT A SEC.

YOU CAME ALONE? WHERE ARE ALL YOUR LITTLE HYDRA BUDDIES?

WHERE'S YOUR *ARMY*, OTTO?

ARMY? I DON'T REQUIRE AN ARMY TO DEAL WITH YOU!

I ALREADY HAVE *ALL THE ARMS* I NEED!

YEAH, I KINDA WALKED INTO THAT ONE.

BUT HERE'S THE THING, DOC, WHEN YOU BREAK IT DOWN, THAT'S YOUR *WHOLE* SHTICK.

YOU'RE THE "GRABBY GUY." WELL...

...*TWO* CAN PLAY IT THAT WAY.

YOINK!

IMPOSSIBLE! HOW--?

SPIDER-ARMOR AUGMENTING MY SPIDER-STRENGTH.

I'VE BEEN GOING EASY ON YOU, DOC. NOT ANYMORE!

DON'T HOLD BACK ON MY ACCOUNT. AS YOU CAN SEE, I NOW POSSESS ALL YOUR POWERS AS WELL.

WE ARE EVENLY MATCHED.

FOR ONCE, THIS SHALL BE A *FAIR* FIGHT!

PLEASE. YOU'RE THE GUY WHO *CREATED* SINISTER SIX-TO-ONE ODDS!

LET'S SEE HOW *YOU* LIKE IT.

TROOPS, MOVE IN!

I'LL SEE YOUR ONE OTTO...

SNAP

...AND RAISE YOU EVERY AUTO I'VE GOT!

FASHHH

VRMMMM

SKREEE

EVERYONE, KEEP TARGET LOCKS ON.

TEAM ONE, EXTEND BATTLE ARMS.

TEAM TWO, ARM WEB-SHOOTERS AND STINGERS.

SPIDER-RIDER TO SPIDER-MAN, WE HAVE HIM SURROUNDED.

GIVE THE WORD.

IT'S UP TO YOU, OCK. WE CAN END THIS RIGHT NOW.

JUST PUT ALL YOUR HANDS IN THE AIR.

YOU THINK THIS IMPRESSES ME?

YOUR VICTORY IN SYMKARIA HAS MADE YOU BOLD. AND *STUPID.*

YOU'D COME AFTER ME WITH PARKER INDUSTRIES *TECH?*

YOU POOR, WITLESS FOOL. YOU DON'T GET IT, DO YOU?

BLEEP

I'VE ALWAYS HAD A BACK DOOR INTO THIS COMPANY.

I WAS THERE AT THE *BEGINNING.*

AND I HID *PART* OF MYSELF IN ITS EVERY ASPECT.

FROM ITS VERTICAL OPERATING SYSTEMS...

...DOWN TO ITS LOGO. *THIS* IS MY MASTER-PIECE. AND I SIGNED IT.

"O. O."

FOR OTTO OCTAVIUS.

WHAT-- WHAT'S GOING ON?!

THESE AREN'T YOUR TOYS. THEY'RE *MINE!*

GET HIM!

I'M NOT DOING THIS! I CAN'T--

SPIDER-MAN! THE CONTROLS AREN'T RESPONDING!

AND ALL WEAPONS ARE LOCKED *ON YOU!*

OHHH BOY...

GREETINGS TO ALL MY NEW "EMPLOYEES." OUR FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS...

...TOSSING OUT OUR *FAKE C.E.O.!*

TIME TO TERMINATE HIM!

HA HA HA!

TO BE CONTINUED...

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AMAZING SPIDER-MAN®

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IMMONEN
von GRAWBADGER
GRACIA

WHEN PETER PARKER WAS BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER, HE GAINED THE PROPORTIONAL SPEED, STRENGTH, AND AGILITY OF A SPIDER; ADHESIVE FINGERTIPS AND TOES; AND THE UNIQUE PRECOGNITIVE AWARENESS OF DANGER CALLED "SPIDER-SENSE"! AFTER LEARNING THAT WITH GREAT POWER THERE MUST ALSO COME GREAT RESPONSIBILTY, HE BECAME THE CRIME-FIGHTING SUPER HERO CALLED...

The AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

PETER'S COMPANY, PARKER INDUSTRIES, IS UNDER SIEGE FROM OTTO OCTAVIUS, NOW THE SUPERIOR OCTOPUS. THOUGH BACKED BY THE FORCES OF HYDRA, OTTO'S MOTIVATION FOR THIS RAID IS PERSONAL. HE WAS THE ONE WHO ACTUALLY STARTED PARKER INDUSTRIES BACK WHEN HE WAS BOTH PETER PARKER AND THE SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN. AS FAR AS OTTO IS CONCERNED, THIS COMPANY IS RIGHTFULLY HIS.

WITH HELP FROM HYDRA, OTTO OVERTHREW PARKER INDUSTRIES' NEW YORK, LONDON AND SAN FRANCISCO OFFICES. LEAVING HIS FELLOW HEROES BEHIND DURING A MAJOR HYDRA OFFENSIVE, PETER RUSHED TO THE LAST OFFICE IN SHANGHAI AND MARSHALLED ALL HIS FORCES, INCLUDING A FLEET OF SPIDER-MOBILES. OCK TURNED THE TABLES, HOWEVER, WHEN HE TOOK CONTROL OF THE VEHICLES AND TURNED THEM AGAINST SPIDER-MAN!

SECRET EMPIRE PART THREE: "END OF AN EMPIRE"

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PARKER INDUSTRIES, SHANGHAI.

PATHETIC. LOOK AT YOU, STRUGGLING TO THE VERY END. FOREVER PLAYING THE "HERO."

WELL, NOT *THIS* TIME, WALL-CRAWLER! DON'T YOU GET IT? *YOU'RE* THE THIEF HERE!

AND THIS IS *ME*, RECLAIMING AN EMPIRE THAT IS *RIGHTFULLY MINE!*

RIIIIIGHT. SURE THING, OTTO.

YOU'RE BEING *MISTER REASONABLE* HERE...

...AND NOT SOME OUT-OF-CONTROL *LUNATIC!*

OH, *TRUST* ME, DOLT. I AM IN *COMPLETE* CONTROL!

OF THIS SITUATION, OF YOUR FATE AND OF YOUR FRIENDS...

...TRAPPED INSIDE THEIR LITTLE SPIDER-MOBILES.

GOOD POINT.

LIAN! SPIDER-RIDER! YOU BUILT THESE THINGS--

--CAN YOU DO ANYTHING ABOUT THAT?!

THWIP

HOW?! HE'S OVERRIDDEN EVERYTHING!

OCK'S PULLING ALL THE STRINGS! THE SAME WAY--

YES, CHILD. THE *SAME* WAY I COMMAND MY ARMS. OR MY OLD *SPIDER-BOTS.*

IT'S QUITE FLATTERING, ACTUALLY.

I SHOULD PROBABLY THANK YOU, OLD FRIEND, FOR THE COMPLIMENT.

WHAT?!

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS? USING PARKER INDUSTRIES AS BASES?

THESE SPIDER-BOT-LIKE VEHICLES? PROACTIVELY GOING AFTER YOUR ENEMIES?

YOU'RE USING ALL OF *MY* STRATAGEMS FROM BACK WHEN *I* WAS SPIDER-MAN.

THWIP!

OW.

OKAY, *NOW* YOU'RE GETTING NASTY.

ONLY BECAUSE YOU KNOW IT'S *TRUE.*

ALL THIS TIME, YOU'VE BEEN ACTING LIKE AN *INFERIOR COPY* OF ME. BUT HOW COULD YOU BE *ANYTHING* ELSE...

...COMPARED TO THE *GENIUS* OF *OTTO OCTAVIUS?!*

HA HA HA!

HOPE EVERYONE ON MY CHANNEL COULD HEAR THAT. THIS IS LIVE FROM PARKER INDUSTRIES PLAZA.

AND THAT WAS THE NEW DOCTOR OCTOPUS LAUGHING.

MAN, CAN HE PROJECT! HE MUST PRACTICE THAT.

ALL OF YOU, BACK IT UP!

HEY! I'M FILMING!

YOU PEOPLE ARE CRAZY. GET TO A SAFE DISTANCE!

YOU HEARD HIM!

UNBELIEVABLE. IT'S JUST ONE THING AFTER ANOTHER.

SOMEONE'S GOING TO GET HURT!

SORRY, MA'AM. THIS IS AS FAR AS WE CAN GO.

THEY'RE NOT LETTING ANYONE THROUGH.

VERY WELL. LET ME OUT, PLEASE...

...I'LL DO THE REST ON FOOT.

THERE HAS TO BE SOMETHING I CAN DO TO HELP.

AFTER ALL, THAT'S *MY* NAME ON THAT BUILDING, TOO.

四士 TAXI

ENOUGH THEATER. TIME FOR THE END GAME. THE MOMENT WHEN ALL THE FORTUNES OF PARKER INDUSTRIES...

...ARE FINALLY *MINE!*

GNN! NOT HAPPENING, DOC! THERE ARE A MILLION FAIL-SAFES THAT--

NO. JUST FOUR. ONE THAT SHUT DOWN WHEN HYDRA CUT OFF NEW YORK.

ANOTHER WHEN MY MEN AND I DESTROYED THE LONDON HUB.

A THIRD WHEN WE RAIDED SAN FRANCISCO.

PNCHH

AND NOW, WITH A SPECIAL ACCESS KEY, I SHALL UNLOCK *EVERY* SECURE FILE. THEN YOUR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, ALL YOUR RESOURCES, WILL BE *MINE.*

AND YOU'LL HAVE *NOTHING.*

"WHEN HYDRA CUT OFF NEW YORK." "MY MEN AND I." "*WE.*"

BUT YOU CAME HERE *ALONE.*

HYDRA DOESN'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE UP TO HERE, *DO* THEY, DOC?

...

I DON'T HAVE TO STAND HERE FOR THIS! NOT WHILE I'M *WINNING!*

HM. GUESS I STRUCK A NERVE THERE.

DR. WU. PHILLIP. COME IN...

...HOW ARE THINGS GOING DOWN IN THE LAB? MY BACKUP PLAN READY?

ALMOST. YOUR ASSUMPTION WAS CORRECT.

THE SIGNAL DOCTOR OCTOPUS IS SENDING OUT TO CONTROL THOSE CARS IS A CONSTANT ONE.

GIVEN ENOUGH TIME, WE'LL FIND ITS FREQUENCY.

WELL, EXCUSE ME FOR NOT WAITING.

THERE! I'VE DISENGAGED THE COMPUTER INTERFACE.

SWITCHING TO... MANUAL!

GOT IT!

AND ALL WHILE KEEPING THE MAGNETIC CLAMPS ON. *NICE!*

LIAN, THE OTHER DRIVERS MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO PULL THAT OFF.

I'LL TRY TO TAKE 'EM DOWN GENTLY, BUT I NEED YOU TO--

SKRFFT

KEEP DOC OCK DISTRACTED? NO PROBLEM.

NO! WAIT!

I NEED YOU TO TALK THESE GUYS THROUGH IT! *LIAN!*

KRNGCH

THE MOTHER LODE. EVERY TRANSACTION, ACCOUNT, AND PASSWORD.

EVERY BIT OF DATA AND LINE OF CODE WORTH STEALING.

ALL WITHIN ARM'S REACH...

SNEKT

SIR!

RMMBBBBKL

MMPH!

BOMP

I'M GOING TO HAVE TO ASK YOU--

KESHHH

--TO STEP OUTSIDE!

OF ALL THE INSOLENT--!

HERE. WEB-CEMENT SHOULD HOLD YOU ALL IN PLACE...

THWAPP

...UNTIL WE CAN SHUT DOWN YOUR "OTTO-PILOTS."

YOU GOOD?

YES, SPIDER-MAN. BUT MS. TANG, SPIDER-RIDER ONE...?

...IS SHE OKAY ON HER OWN? AGAINST DOCTOR OCTOPUS?

I SURE HOPE SO. FOR A LITTLE WHILE.

BECAUSE THE *NEXT* PART OF MY PLAN'S GOING TO TAKE A SEC.

SUIT, *OFF.*

HANG IN THERE, LIAN. I'LL MAKE THIS QUICK!

PARKER INDUSTRIES SHANGHAI, THIS IS IT.

I DIDN'T WANT TO HAVE TO MAKE THIS CALL, BUT WE'RE FACING A *HOSTILE TAKEOVER.*

LITERALLY.

NOT BY INVESTORS OR ANOTHER COMPANY. BY A SUPER VILLAIN...

...WHO'S WORKING FOR *HYDRA.*

AND WE KNOW HE'S LISTENING IN.

TONIGHT, HE'S KNOCKING DOWN OUR FRONT DOOR, BUT TOMORROW, HE COULD BE SNEAKING IN THROUGH THE BACK.

IF HE DOES, ALL THE GREAT WORK WE'VE DONE HERE...

...WOULD BE TWISTED INTO HELPING THE WORST PEOPLE ON EARTH.

WE KNOW WHAT WE HAVE TO DO. IT'S TIME.

IT'S BEEN AN HONOR TO BUILD UP THIS COMPANY WITH YOU.

NOW, LET'S *TEAR IT DOWN!*

YOU HEAR THAT, DOC? I'M CALLING IT--

PARKER INDUSTRIES NO MORE!

EVERY DEPARTMENT, ACTIVATE WORM VIRUSES NOW.

COMPANY-WIDE WIPE OF ALL SYSTEMS.

NO!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

WHAT *IDIOT* WOULD DESTROY A GLOBAL EMPIRE JUST TO KEEP IT OUT OF MY HANDS?!

WHO COULD BE THAT UNBELIEVABLY *PETTY*?!

WRONG QUESTION, DOC. ASK YOURSELF...

...WHAT MAN WOULD SACRIFICE ALL HE HAS FOR A JUST CAUSE?

PARKER!

WEBWARE OPERATING SYSTEM PERMANENT SHUTDOWN IN PROCESS.

WE ARE SORRY FOR THE INCONVENIENCE.

THANK YOU FOR USING PARKER INDUSTRIES.

SHUTDOWN?! WHAT ABOUT ALL MY *PICTURES*?!

PETER, EVERYTHING YOU'VE BUILT...

...ALL THE PEOPLE WHO WORK FOR YOU...

THE UNCLE BEN FOUNDATION, EVERYONE WE HELP.

HOW COULD YOU...?

I'M SORRY. I HOPE YOU'LL UNDERSTAND.

BUT AS A GREAT MAN ONCE SAID TO ME, "WITH GREAT POWER--"

PRSHH

WELP. IT WAS A GOOD JOB WHILE IT LASTED.

PLEASE. THINK I'M LEAVING THIS ONE OFF MY RESUME.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? THIS IS GREAT!

MY WIFE ASKS ME WHAT I DID TODAY, I'M TELLING HER "I FOUGHT HYDRA!"

SMKK

KRRRR

TUNK

NEXT UP...

...SECRET WEAPON NUMBER ONE.

HI.

HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN A WHILE.

AND NOW FOR SECRET WEAPON NUMBER TWO.

PHILLIP, YOU GUYS READY?

YES. THE DEVICE IS CALIBRATED. YOU CAN SEND SPIDER-MAN DOWN TO PICK IT UP.

MEANWHILE...

...I HAVE ONE LAST TASK TO PERFORM.

ALL MY RESEARCH.

I WAS SO CLOSE, WU. A PERFECT GREEN ENERGY SOURCE.

OR A POTENTIAL WEAPON IN THE WRONG HANDS.

EASY FOR YOU TO SAY. YOUR FINDINGS HAVE BEEN *PUBLISHED*.

I HAVE FAITH IN YOU, PHILLIP CHANG. YOU'LL FIND IT. YOU'RE A GOOD SCIENTIST, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, YOU'RE A GOOD MAN.

NOW COME ON. WE'VE DONE OUR PART. IT'S TIME TO GO.

EXCUSE ME.
MRS. PARKER! OVER HERE!
MIN WEI!
ALL THESE TRUCKS YOU'VE SENT OVER FROM THE UNCLE BEN FOUNDATION...
...THEY'VE BEEN A BIG HELP WITH THE EVACUATION.
JUST DOING WHAT WE CAN. WHILE WE CAN.
MAYBE YOU CAN HELP ME WITH MRS. TANG. SHE WON'T LET US MOVE HER.
OH MY. YOU WERE INJURED HERE, WEREN'T YOU? I AM SO SORRY!
INJURED? YOUR BOY'S COMPANY PROVIDED THE TREATMENT THAT'S *SAVED MY LIFE.*
NO. I'M STAYING HERE SO I CAN WATCH MY DAUGHTER.
LOOK! UP ON THE TOWER!
"THAT'S *HER!* FIGHTING THE GREAT AMERICAN SUPER VILLAIN, DOCTOR OCTOPUS!
"ISN'T SHE *AMAZING?!*"
DEAR GOD! YOU MUST BE WORRIED HALF TO DEATH!

OF COURSE. BUT I HAVE FAITH IN MY DAUGHTER. I KNOW SHE WILL ALWAYS FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT.

SELFISHLY, I ALSO HAVE FAITH IN *MYSELF*, MRS. PARKER. FAITH THAT I RAISED HER RIGHT.

LOOK! SPIDER-MAN'S BACK!

OH...

...DEAR.

HEY, HYDRA-MAN! MISS ME?

IS THAT CONFUSING? 'CAUSE THERE'S A HYDRO-MAN. I CAN'T TELL.

SHUT UP! HOW COULD YOU HAVE *DONE* THAT?! DON'T YOU *UNDERSTAND*?!

YOU--YOU-- YOU *RUINED EVERYTHING!* ALL THAT WE *BUILT!*

YEAH. I JUST FLIPPED THE WHOLE GAME BOARD OVER. NOW WHATEVER YOU...

...OR *HYDRA* WERE PLANNING FOR *MY COMPANY*, NONE OF THAT MATTERS.

EVEN IF YOU *WIN* TODAY, AND GET BACK YOUR *"KINGDOM,"* IT'LL BE A KINGDOM OF *ASHES*.

YOU SPITEFUL MAN! YOU WON'T LET ME HAVE *ANYTHING!*

SO BE IT! I WANTED TO BEST YOU WITH MY *OWN* WITS...

...BUT YOU SEE, I'VE BEEN LISTENING IN ON YOUR LITTLE ADVENTURES.

I *KNOW* YOUR ACHILLES' HEEL!

AND LIKE YOU, I CAN BORROW FROM THE BEST...

KLIK

...AND *IMPROVE* UPON IT!

REMEMBER OSBORN'S *ELECTRO-MAGNETIC PULSE?*

ZRAKK

MY VERSION WON'T JUST DISABLE YOUR SPIDER-ARMOR...

...IT WILL *SHRED IT TO PIECES!*

LEAVING YOU *DEFENSELESS!* IT WILL--

WHAT?!

IT'LL HELP ME MAKE ONE *HECK* OF A COOL COSTUME CHANGE!

YOU LIKE MY *UNDEROOS?* THEY FIT UNDER ANYTHING.

AND BESIDES...

...THIS IS THE *ONLY* SUIT I'VE EVER NEEDED TO BEAT *YOU,* OTTO.

NICE MOVE, BY THE WAY, SHIELDING YOUR ARMS FROM THE E.M.P. BLAST.

THING IS, SINCE YOU USED THE SAME FREQUENCY TO HIJACK MY SPIDER-MOBILES...

KLIK

...THAT MEANS I'VE GOT YOUR NUMBER. HERE'S A LITTLE TIT FOR TAT, DOC.

ZRAK-K-AKK

GYAH!

MY ARMS! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?!

WHIKCH

THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE THAT. HEY, OCK. WHY ARE YOU HITTING YOURSELF?

WAKK

YOU JUVENILE-- *UNH!*

FOOL! YOU OBVIOUSLY CARE *NOTHING* FOR YOUR FRIEND!

USING *YOUR* DEVICE SO CLOSE TO HER VEHICLE? I MERELY *MOBILIZED* IT...

THWEP

...BUT *YOUR* PULSE WILL DISABLE ITS MAGNETIC GRIP!

YOU'D BEST TEND TO YOUR FRIEND, YOU *DOLT*...

...BEFORE SHE HURTLES TO HER *DEATH!*

AHH! IS HE BLUFFING? I CAN'T RISK IT, I'D BETTER--

DON'T LISTEN TO HIM! MAGNETIC CLAMPS ARE HOLDING. I'M OKAY.

WHY DO I FALL FOR IT? *EVERY* TIME?

'CAUSE YOU'RE THE *GOOD* GUY. NOW *GO!*

FOR ALL THE GOOD IT DOES ME.

WHAT HAVE WE HERE?

LOOKS LIKE OCK DE-ARMED HIMSELF...

...AND DE-*FACED* HIMSELF TOO.

GOOD LUCK FINDING HIM NOW. I JUST REALIZED...

...I HAVE *NO* IDEA WHAT WHAT HIS *NEW* FACE LOOKS LIKE. HE COULD BE ANYBODY.

ANOTHER TIME, OTTO. BETTER HEAD BACK AND MAKE SURE...

"...THAT LIAN AND THE OTHERS ARE ALL RIGHT."

I SAW YOU, BABY. YOU WERE *AMAZING.*

THANK YOU.

THAT CAR OF YOURS, THOUGH, IT COULD USE SOME WORK. SHOW ME THE SPECS LATER.

MOTHER.

MRS. PARKER? IT'S... GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN. WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

REALLY? YOU KNOW, FOR WHATEVER'S LEFT OF THIS COMPANY...

...I'M THE CHIEF SHARE-HOLDER, MR. SPIDER-MAN. YOU WORK FOR *ME.*

AH. RIGHT. SORRY.

AND WHAT I'M *DOING* HERE?

AS ALWAYS, I'M ONE OF THE PEOPLE WHO CLEANS UP PETER'S MESSES.

THE NEXT TIME YOU SEE HIM, PLEASE PASS ALONG *ANOTHER* MESSAGE FOR ME...

...THAT I'M PROUD OF HIM.

AS FOR YOU, I THINK YOU'RE NEEDED *BACK HOME.*

THERE'S A GOOD FIGHT TO BE FOUGHT.

AND IF YOU CAN HANDLE A HORRIBLE MAN LIKE THAT DOCTOR OCTOPUS...

"...YOU CAN HANDLE ANYTHING."

HYDRA BASE ONE.

CONGRATULATIONS, DOCTOR OCTAVIUS. YOUR MISSION WAS A COMPLETE SUCCESS.

PARKER INDUSTRIES IS IN SHAMBLES, JUST AS OUR GLORIOUS LEADER, STEVEN ROGERS, INTENDED.

IN FACT, HE WANTED ME TO PASS ALONG HIS COMPLIMENTS, AND TO LET YOU KNOW HE BELIEVES...

...YOU ARE ONE OF HIS FINEST SOLDIERS.

SOLDIER?!

TELL HIM I AM...

...HONORED.

I AM NOT SOME GLORIFIED PAWN OR MINION.

I SHOULD BE *KING*, RULER OF MY *OWN* EMPIRE!

LOOK AT ME. REDUCED TO A MERE *LACKEY*.

ALL THAT WORK, EVERYTHING I BUILT, NOW LIES IN *RUINS*. I SHALL *NOT* FORGET THIS, PARKER! SOME DAY SOON, I SWEAR...

...THERE SHALL COME A *RECKONING!*

THE END.

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Hey there, web-heads!

HOLY COW, WHAT A BARN BURNER! Hope you liked this arc as much as I did. There's little better to me than Spidey and Ock trying to outthink each other. It's been a nutty few weeks up here at Marvel as we continue to try and think up the biggest, craziest stories ever told in comic book form. Let's see how we're doing...

Hello Spider-Folk!

I just finished reading AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #29 and I just have to say: Please, Mr. Slott, do not ever leave this title! I've been reading Spidey since I was a teen (I'm 41 now) and you, sir, in my humble opinion, have mastered this character I've loved for all these years. The way you write him has the perfect balance of wit, charm, sarcasm, protectiveness, caring and, when the occasion calls for it, seriousness. For a character with such a rich history, who has already been through so much, the fact that you're able to still come up with new and fresh ideas is spectacular (or in this case, amazing)! Being paired with Mr. Immonen (whom I've been a huge fan of since his ULTIMATE SPIDER-MAN run) has blown my mind! Hats off to you, Mr. Slott! You've got a dedicated fan here who highly looks forward to what further Spidey greatness you have up your sleeve!

Sincerely,
Randy

Thanks for the hat tip, Randy. We're pretty partial to Dan, too! And it's a life goal achieved getting Stuart on this book!!!

Hey, Spider-People!

I just wanted to drop a line to say Dan Slott's run on Spider-Man is one of the best, most iconic runs in all of comics ever!!! Claremont's X-Men, Simonson's Thor, Miller's Daredevil, Waid's Flash, Johns' JSA... Now, I've only been reading Spider-Man since 1990, but Slott's run is the best that I own! He truly loves Peter Parker. In a world where most people only do 12 issues before the next big crossover, I love that Marvel has allowed Slott to tell his fantastic Spidey tales for so long. Excelsior!!!

Matt Nelson
East Berlin, PA

Thanks for writing in, Matt. I'm in full agreement about Dan (and his collaborators, Humberto Ramos, Giuseppe Camuncoli, John Romita Jr., Ryan Stegman, Marcos Martin, Christos Gage, Stuart and MANY more) and the current run. But you also need to GO READ MORE SPIDER-MAN SO YOU REALLY KNOW THE EXTENT OF THIS COMPARISON! If you haven't already, read Stan & Steve and then Stan & John and Gerry & Gil and DeMatteis & Zeck and Michelinie & Todd & Larsen and JMS & JRJR... And that's leaving a TON of folks unheralded! But Dan and Co. stand shoulder to shoulder with the best, and we're all lucky to be Spider-Fans right now!

Hello all,

Just wanted to drop a line and tell you how much I'm enjoying AMAZING SPIDER-MAN. I've loved watching the evolution of Doc Ock from Superior Spider-Man to the Superior Octopus. I really hope that all of this character development, for both Otto and Peter, is not wiped away with LEGACY. What I'm really trying to say is this: Please don't reboot Peter back to being a teenager. Eagerly awaiting ASM #30 and as they used to say when I started reading in the '90s: "Make Mine Marvel!"

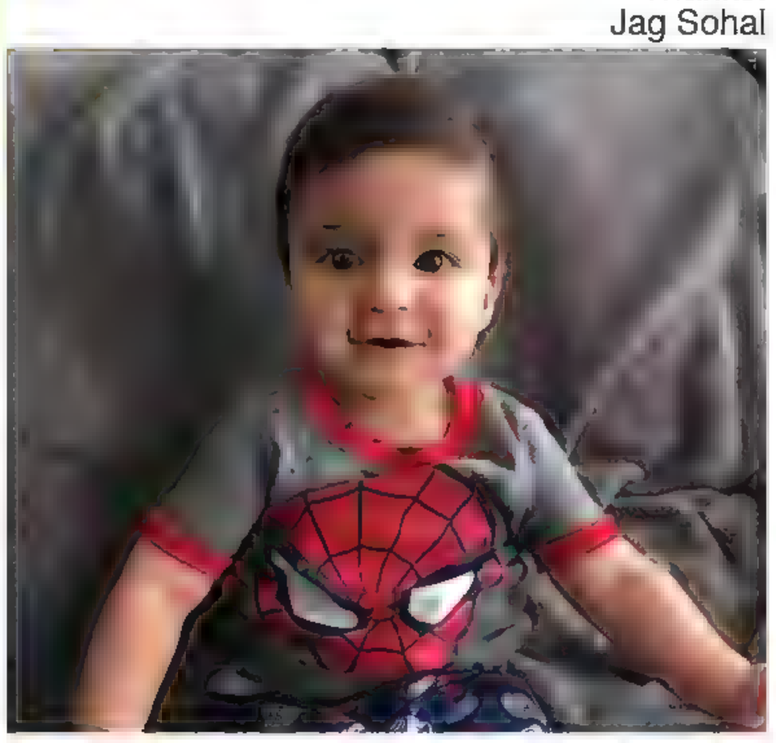
Thanks,
Nathan Page

As you most likely understand from the last page, we're FAR from done with Otto. Keep reading!!!

Hi Spidey-Office,

My sister and baby nephew are HUGE Spider-Man fans, so if you could publish the attached photo in your letter column to commemorate Mabus' first birthday, it would be awesome!

Thanks!
Jag Sohal



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MABUS!!!!! You're a cutie-pie!

Hi, Spidey-Crew!

I'm so nervous I don't even know where to begin. Cliché as it may seem, I have never ever written to any comic publishers before, not even to my favorite character's solo title, MOCKINGBIRD.

So, as you may see, I'm a huge fan of Mockingbird, which was the only reason I picked up the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN in the first place, to be honest. But the more I read it, the more surprised and fascinated I gradually became. You folks do put the Amazing in AMAZING SPIDER-MAN!

I really love the chemistry between Spidey and Mockingbird here. I mean, they've been friends since, like, forever, or at least as long as Bobbi took on the "Mockingbird" mantle in around the...'70s, I guess. Frankly, I'm both surprised and unsurprised that Bobbi actually gave up her identity as an agent of S.H.I.E.L.D. to help Spidey do what they both believe is right. I've known her long enough to understand what S.H.I.E.L.D. means for her, or meant. It's been her home ever since she was dead, for her family, and she was willing to give it up to help Peter!

I really, really, really, really hope the Spidey and the Birdy can last. Both of them have been through too much for such great people. I am really sad that things have to end between Spidey & MJ and Mocky & Hawky (sort of), but now I see hope. They are the nicest and the funniest super heroes and they totally deserve each other.

Can you keep them up for a little much longer? PLEASE??? *puppy eyes*

Desperately,
Barbara (yep, same name as Bobbi)

Barbara, I love this letter. And I love Bobbi, too. KEEP READING!!!

I've been a Spider-Man fan since I first saw him and a Peter Parker fan since he became the underdog. When I was a kid, the only time I'd seen Green Goblin was on the cartoon, but in the comics Hobgoblin was the man and to me a better character. Plus to me he had classic story lines. Now through the years I've grown to like Norman Osborn, the original Green Goblin... Now I need to see Green Goblin back in green and purple with fury and a new costume.

Oscar Martin
Chicago's Finest

P.S. Let's get some more Silver Sable and a New Wild Pack?

Thanks for the note, Oscar. If you want to see more Norman Osborn, you're in luck as ASM #32 is a big Osborn issue. I can't tell you whether he'll get green and goblin-y without spoiling it, but I can tell you the story is EPIC!

Hello Spidey-Office,

I have always been a huge Spider-Man fan. I have a few questions for you guys.

1. What are your favorite Spider-Man stories?
2. What is your favorite piece of Spider-Man media outside of the comics?
3. With ASM #28, how do you feel that the battle between Peter and Norman has changed them?

Emeka Uzoh

Great questions, Emeka. Pick up the next issue to see how ASM #28 changed Norman. But for Peter, I'd say it made him feel more confident than ever. Let's see if it lasts. As for the other questions, here's our answers!

FAVORITE SPIDER-MAN STORY

***NICK LOWE*: It's still ASM #33. Still the best Spider-Man story ever.**

***DAN SLOTT*: ASM #90, "And Death Shall Come." When Captain Stacy dies in Spidey's arms, and we find out he knew Pete was Spidey the entire time. Man, does that get me. Waterworks every time. ASM #248, "The Kid Who Collects Spider-Man." Roger Stern's masterpiece. What can I tell you? My favorites are all the ones that go for the heartstrings.**

***STUART IMMONEN*: ASM #110, "Birth of the Gibbon," the first issue of an underappreciated classic two-parter by Lee and Romita Sr., the second half of which took me YEARS to find. Or ASM #227, "Goin' Straight," the second issue of another Lee/Romita Sr. two-parter which had a doubly-shocking ending which rocked my little fan heart to the core.**

***WADE VON GRAWBADGER*: One of my all-time favorite Spidey stories is from Marvel Team-Up #54, "Treachery at Tranquility Base." I loved the mash-up of characters, but mostly because..."Bug Eyes and Goat Face"!**

***DEVIN LEWIS*: "Spider-Man: Coming Home," Ultimate Spider-Man, and Superior Spider-Man. (Devin Lewis)**

FAVORITE SPIDEY OUTSIDE OF THE COMICS

***NICK*: Either Spider-Man 2 (2004) or Spider-Man: Homecoming!**

***DAN*: The Spider-Man '67 cartoon. That was my gateway into Spidey. Will always love it to bits. Greatest super hero theme song EVER. And that's the voice I hear in my head whenever I script J. Jonah Jameson... "PARKERRRRRR!" And for movies? From now on, it's a toss-up. Either Homecoming or Spider-Man 2. It's hard to choose! Both are so darn good!**

***STUART*: In the '70s, I had a Spider-Man Mego figure and Spider-Car which were played with until they were both broken and for years beyond. I raided my mother's sewing kit for black thread which I tied to Spidey's wrists so I could swing him down the basement stairs.**

***WADE:* I have to agree with Stuart here. I had so many Mego action figures and Spider-Man was the one that needed replacing the most!**

***DEVIN*: The '90s Spider-Man game on Playstation! Spider-Man: Shattered Dimensions is pretty spiffy, too!**

***ALLISON*: The friendly neighborhood intimidator of tourists in Times Square!**

And that's all we've got time and space for this issue! Come back next month for an incredibly special issue centered on what's next for Peter and Norman. And then in October come back for our MARVEL LEGACY arc called "FALL OF PARKER" starting in AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #789!!!

Keep on swingin'!

NICK

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ONCE A GENIUS INDUSTRIALIST, NORMAN OSBORN INADVERTENTLY EXPOSED HIMSELF TO AN EXPERIMENTAL COMPOUND THAT GRANTED HIM INCREASED SPEED, STRENGTH AND STAMINA. HOWEVER, THOSE GIFTS CAME AT A COST – THE FORMULA ALSO MADE NORMAN PARANOID AND VIOLENT, AND HE ADOPTED THE ALTER-EGO OF THE

GREEN GOBLIN

BUT THINGS HAVEN'T BEEN GOING NORMAN'S WAY LATELY...

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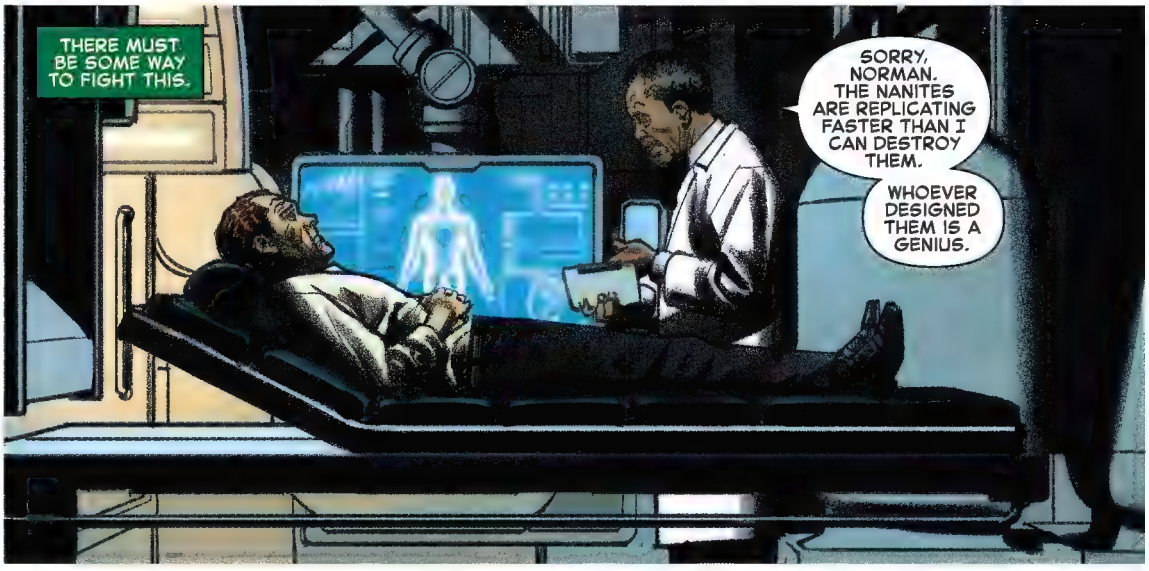
GOBLIN SERUM TRIALS. FINAL ENTRY.
I HAVE INCREASED THE FORMULA'S POTENCY TO ITS UPPERMOST LIMIT.
WEAPONIZED, IT COULD KILL THOUSANDS...

...I NEED IT TO KILL BILLIONS. ALL THE MICROSCOPIC NANITES SPIDER-MAN PUT INTO MY SYSTEM.
THEY WERE DESIGNED TO BLOCK ANY TRACE OF MY SERUM.
HOPEFULLY, THIS VERSION SHALL OVERTAX THEM, SHUT THEM DOWN, AND ALLOW ME TO TRANSFORM, ONCE AGAIN...
...INTO THE GREEN GOBLIN!
START THE CLOCK.

BREEP BREEP

NOTHING!
YOU SHOULD BE BACK! THAT SHRILL VOICE IN MY HEAD! LAUGHING LIKE A LUNATIC!
BUT THERE'S ONLY SILENCE. I NEED THAT CACKLING! THAT TOUCH OF MADNESS! I... I...

I CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS.
I NEED YOU.


THERE MUST BE SOME WAY TO FIGHT THIS.
SORRY, NORMAN. THE NANITES ARE REPLICATING FASTER THAN I CAN DESTROY THEM.
WHOEVER DESIGNED THEM IS A GENIUS.

SOME WAY TO BE SICK AGAIN.
MR. OSBORN, WITH ANY OTHER PATIENT, HYPNOSIS COULD UNLOCK A DORMANT PERSONA...
...BUT I'M AFRAID YOUR *WILL* IS TOO *STRONG* FOR THE PROCESS.

SOME WAY TO BE *WHOLE.*
THIS ISN'T WORKING. IS IT, SIR?
NO.
PERHAPS WHAT YOU *REALLY* NEED IS SOMETHING A LITTLE MORE... *UNCONVENTIONAL.*
I HAVE HEARD OF A PLACE, BUT I MUST WARN YOU...

"...IT'S NOT THAT EASY TO FIND.
"AND I'VE BEEN TOLD NOT EVERYONE CAN *SEE* IT."
GREETINGS, TRAVELER. I AM MASTER HAWK.
MASTER OX.
MASTER SNAKE. WELCOME TO THE TEMPLE WITH NO NAME.

THAT YOU HAVE REACHED US SPEAKS TO AN INDOMITABLE WILL.
THAT YOU CAN SEE US SPEAKS TO STRENGTH OF SPIRIT.
AND THAT YOU WOULD EVEN ATTEMPT SUCH A JOURNEY SPEAKS OF GREAT NEED.
TELL US, STRANGER... IS THIS ABOUT YOUR FACE?
CAN YOU HELP ME? FIX ME? HEAL ME?

WHAT? THAT'S NOTHING. I COULDN'T CARE LESS ABOUT MY APPEARANCE.
WHAT I NEED RESTORED...
...IS WHO I AM ON THE INSIDE.

HMM. CORRECT ANSWER.
YOU MAY ENTER...
...NORMAN OSBORN.

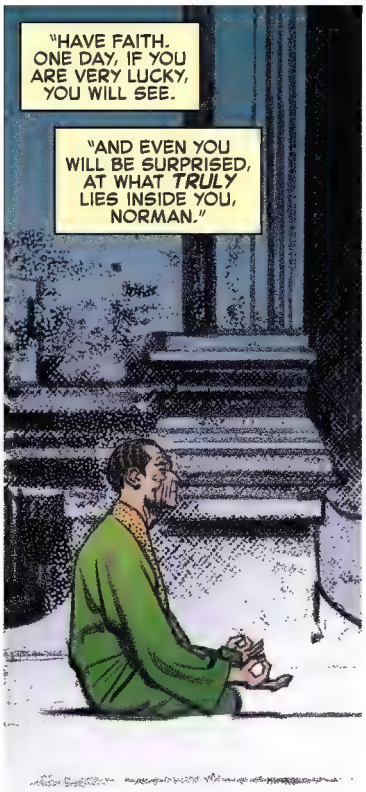
BEFORE YOU CAN BEGIN YOUR JOURNEY, YOU MUST FIRST PASS THIS TEST.
BEHOLD. THE EMERALD ORACLE OF IKKON.
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?
MASTER.
EXCUSE ME?
IF YOU WISH TO LEARN OUR WAYS, YOU WILL ADDRESS EACH OF US AS "MASTER." ASK AGAIN.
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO HERE... MASTER?
MUCH BETTER. PLACE YOUR HAND UPON THE GEMSTONE...
...AND IT SHALL REVEAL YOUR TRUE POTENTIAL.
MY POTENTIAL? FOR WHAT?
...
MASTER?
YOUR POTENTIAL AS A PRACTITIONER OF THE MYSTIC ARTS.

I ASSUME THESE ARE SATISFACTORY MARKS.
I'VE ALWAYS TESTED WELL.

ASTOUNDING.
YES. OF COURSE. WE... UM...WE SHALL BEGIN YOUR TRAINING IMMEDIATELY.

"MASTER, I MUST KNOW...
"IN THE TEXTS YOU HAVE ME READ, ALONG WITH SPELLS...
"RITUALS.
"KATAS.
"AND DEVOTIONALS."
THERE ARE ALSO STORIES. TALES OF MEN I'VE EITHER MET OR HEARD OF--
MORDO. STRANGE. VON DOOM.
AMONG OTHERS.
AND YOU FIND YOUR STORY TO BE SIMILAR. IS THAT IT, NORMAN?
YES.
STORIES, FATES AND LEGENDS...THEY HAVE A WAY OF FOLLOWING FAMILIAR PATTERNS.
MUCH LIKE AN INCANTATION. SIMILAR, TO A POINT. DIFFERENT IN THEIR VARIATIONS.
"YOU'LL SEE. YOUR REAL SCARS, YOUR SICKNESS, THE PERSONAL DEMON YOU MUST OVERCOME...
"...IT MAKES YOU UNIQUE. IT CHALLENGES YOU LIKE NO OTHER...
"...AND DRIVES YOU TO ACHIEVE MORE THAN ANY MAN MY BROTHERS AND I HAVE EVER KNOWN."

MASTER OX...
YOU HAVE A QUESTION. ASK.
YOUR NAMES: OX. HAWK. SNAKE. ARE THEY RANKS? TITLES? DID YOU EARN THEM?
YOU MEAN DID WE CHOOSE THEM OR WERE THEY BESTOWED UPON US?
NEITHER. WHAT ARE NAMES, "NORMAN OSBORN"?
EVERY MAN HAS A SPIRIT GUIDE, A *TOTEM*, WHICH LINKS THEM TO THIS WORLD, AND THE ENERGY ALL AROUND IT.
THERE WILL COME A DAY WHEN YOUR TOTEM WILL MAKE ITSELF KNOWN. IT WILL FIND YOU. CHOOSE *YOU*. AND YOU, WILL IN TURN, CHOOSE IT.


"HAVE FAITH. ONE DAY, IF YOU ARE VERY LUCKY, YOU WILL SEE.
"AND EVEN YOU WILL BE SURPRISED, AT WHAT *TRULY* LIES INSIDE YOU, NORMAN."

"IT HAPPENED, MASTER. I HAD THE VISION."

THEN IT IS TIME.
YOUR FINAL TEST. IN THIS SACRED PLACE, YOU WILL BOND WITH YOUR TOTEM.
AND TOGETHER, AS ONE, YOU SHALL CONFRONT YOUR PERSONAL DEMON...
...ALL THAT IS HOLDING YOU BACK FROM YOUR TRUE POTENTIAL.
REACH OUT. ACCEPT YOUR DESTINY.
NO.
I ACCEPT NOTHING.
I AM NORMAN OSBORN--
--AND I CHOOSE MY DESTINY!
HA HA HA!

AND I DECIDE...
...WHICH DEMONS I HAVE TO FACE!
--WITH EXTRA...
...CHOCOLATE...
...SPRINKLES?
HEY! YOU'RE NOT MISTER SOFTEE!

SOMETHING TELLS ME I'M NOT IN KANSAS ANY--

SPIDER-SENSE!

YOWZA!

DIE, WALL-CRAWLER!

I'D KNOW THAT CRAZY HAIRLINE ANYWHERE. OSBORN?!

HOLD ON! THAT WAS A DOCTOR STRANGE-ISH MYSTIC BOLTY-THING!

CORRECT, SPIDER-MAN. WE HAVE INSTRUCTED HIM IN THE WAYS OF MAGIC.

WHAT?! WHY WOULD ANYONE DO THAT?!

QUIT PRATTLING, BUG, AND FACE ME!

WHEN THIS IS OVER, YOU GUYS OWE ME AN EXPLANATION. AND A CHERRY DIP. WITH SPRINKLES.

YOU'RE OUT OF YOUR LEAGUE NOW, BOY!

WITH THE ASTRAL ARMS OF DENAK, I'LL--

NO FAIR! EIGHT LIMBS SHOULD BE MY THING.

EVER THE FOOL. HA HA HA! YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE UP AGAINST THIS TIME!

DO TELL.

WITH MY NEWFOUND SKILLS, AUGMENTED BY THIS TOTEM--

SEE? I SAY "DO TELL" AND YOU TELL.

SOMETIMES, NORMIE, YOU MAKE IT TOO EASY.

MAGIC MASK-TOTEMS. CHECK. GUESS I GOTTA MAKE WITH THE THWIP-THWIP...

...AND FIGHT FIRE WITH FIRE.

HA! YOU THINK THIS IS SCIENCE?! IT'S MAGIC! AND HERE, THE GOBLIN HAS THE UPPER HAND!
BY THE CHAINS OF KRAKKAN, I BIND YOU!
C-CAN'T MOVE!
FLAMES OF FALTINE!
UGHH!
HA HA HA
FINALLY. AFTER ALL THIS TIME. IT'S DONE.

HMM. THOUGH YOU DID NOT TAKE THE PATH WE--OR THE UNIVERSE--WOULD HAVE CHOSEN FOR YOU...
...YOUR TRIAL IS COMPLETE. YOUR PERSONAL DEMON HAS BEEN DEFEATED. WHERE YOU GO NEXT WILL DETERMINE--

WHAT?! ONE SOCK TO THE JAW AND YOU THINK THIS IS OVER?!

ARGHHH!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? YOU BESTED HIM. THERE IS NO NEED TO--
YOU DON'T KNOW THE BUG LIKE I DO! HE CRAWLS BACK! HE ALWAYS DOES!
NEVER AGAIN!

THIS TIME THE GOBLIN GETS--
--HIS JUST DESSERTS!

OH, MY!
YOU ARE A MONSTER.
YOU MUST BE STOPPED!

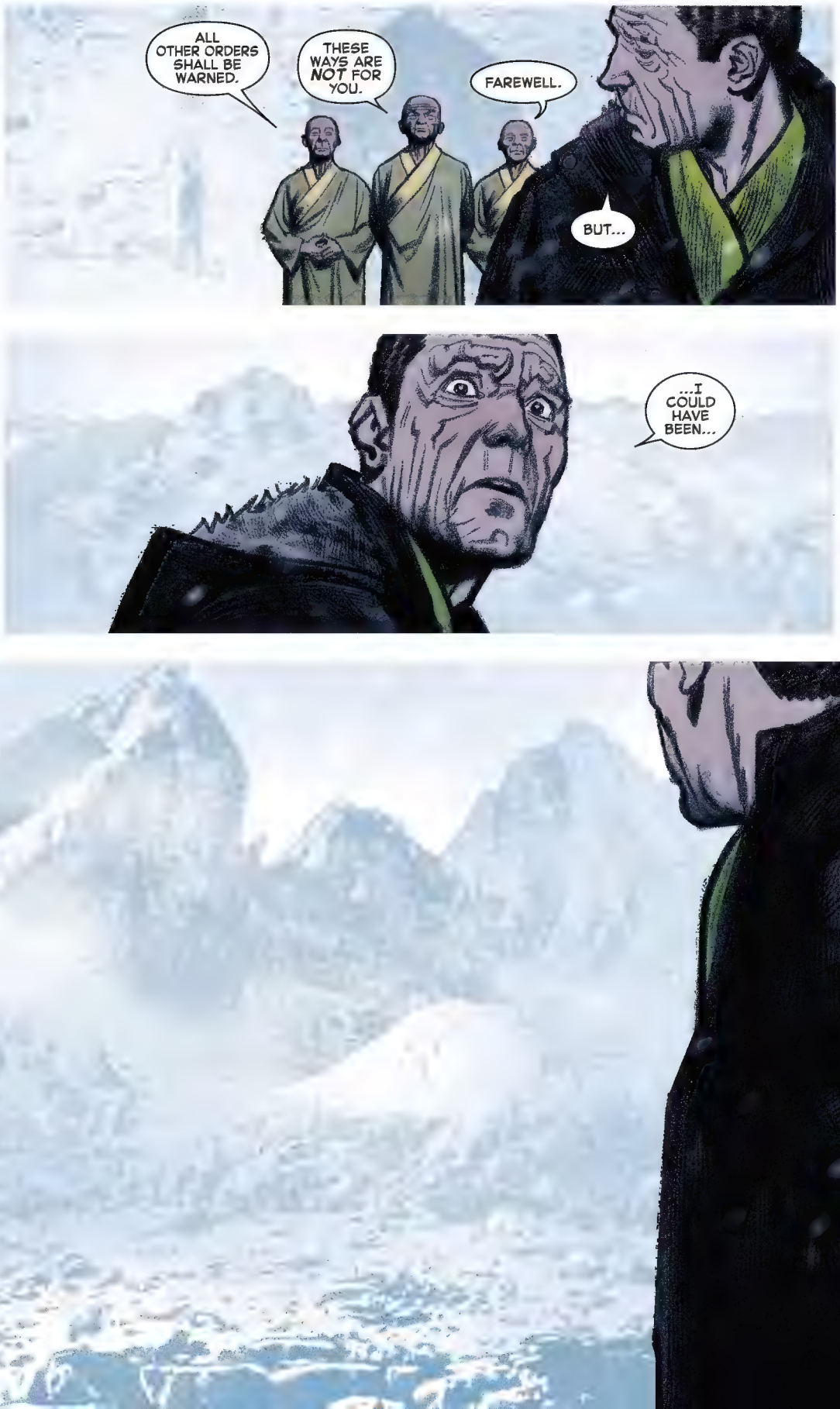
HA HA HA!
AND WHO'S GONNA DO THAT, BOYS? YOU?!
THAT INSECT WAS THE ONE THING HOLDING ME BACK! I CAN DO ANYTHING NOW!
HA HA! ANYTHING!

WHAT?! WAS THAT YOUR BEST SHOT?!
HERE! LET ME SHOW YOU WHAT I--

--GOT.

WHAT... WHAT WAS THAT?

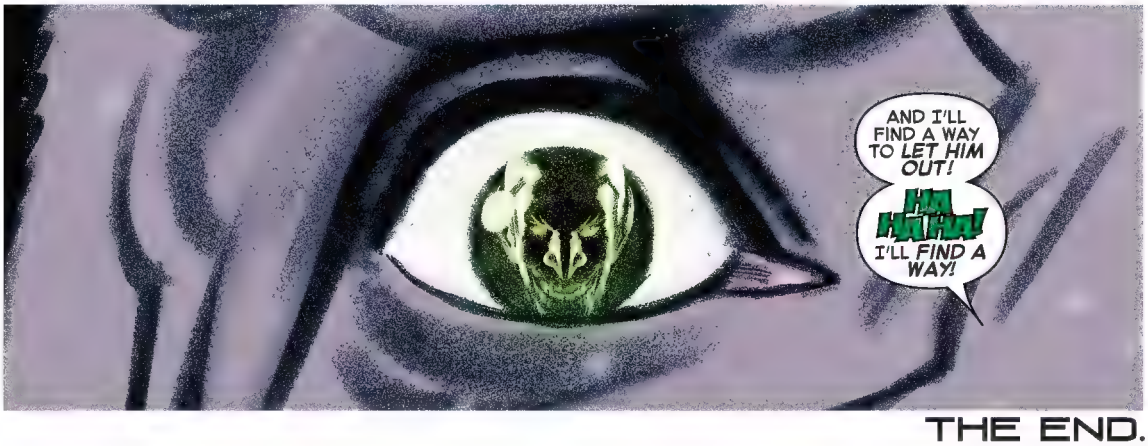
THE FIRST TEST.
YOUR ONLY TEST.
YOUR *TRUE* POTENTIAL.


ALL OTHER ORDERS SHALL BE WARNED.
THESE WAYS ARE NOT FOR YOU.
FAREWELL.
BUT...
...I COULD HAVE BEEN...

NO.

NOT "COULD HAVE."
CAN.
HA.

HA HA! YES! I CAN BE HIM AGAIN!
YOU'VE SHOWN ME THAT MUCH!
IT IS POSSIBLE! HE'S STILL INSIDE ME!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HA HA HA! I'LL FIND A WAY!

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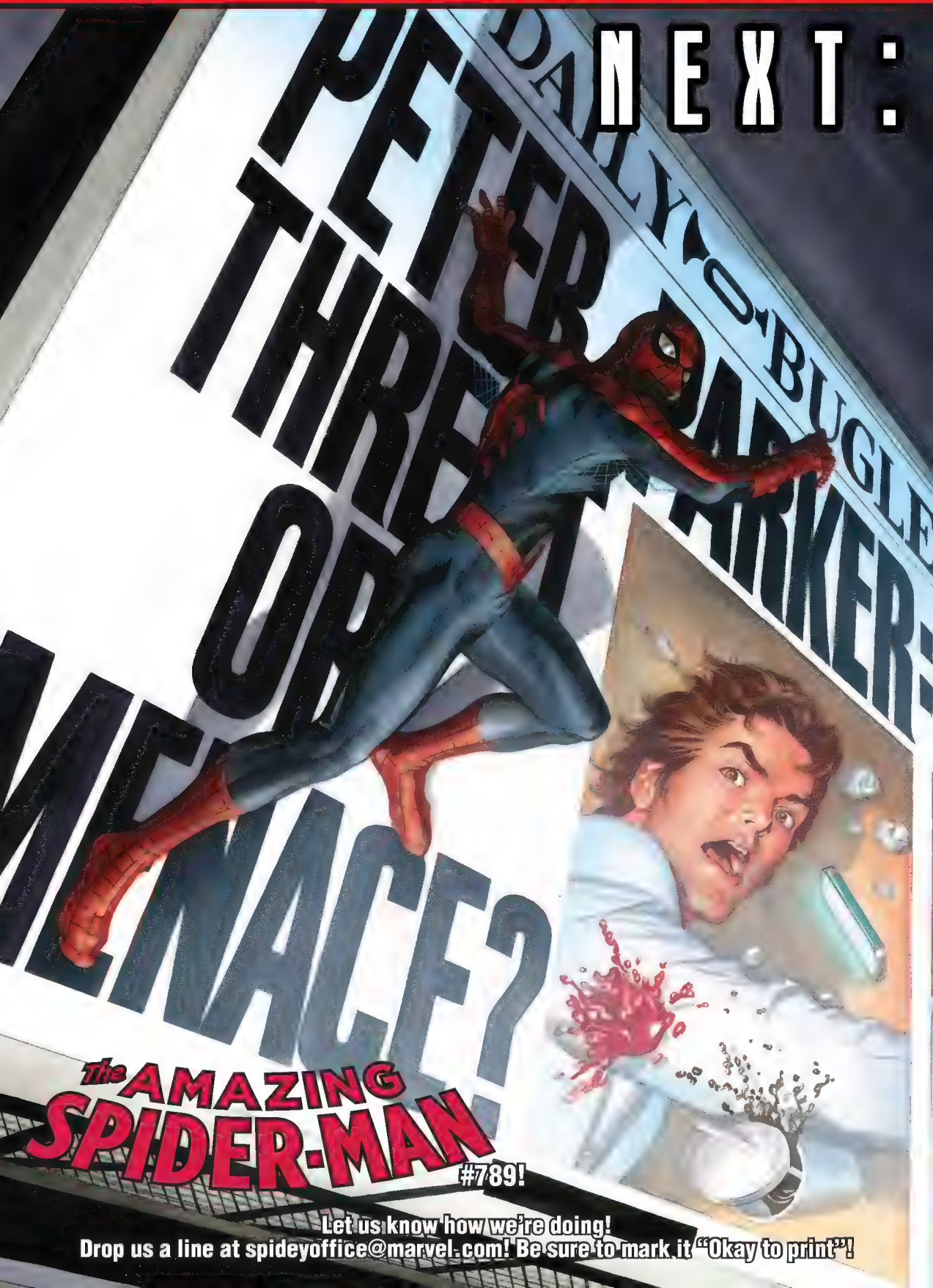

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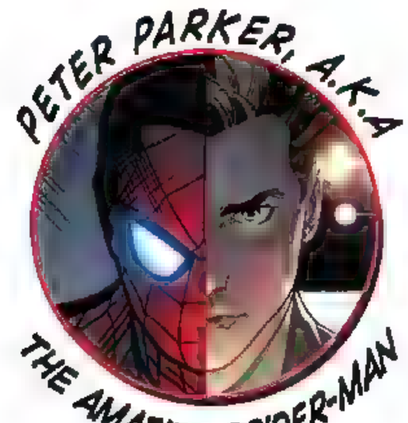

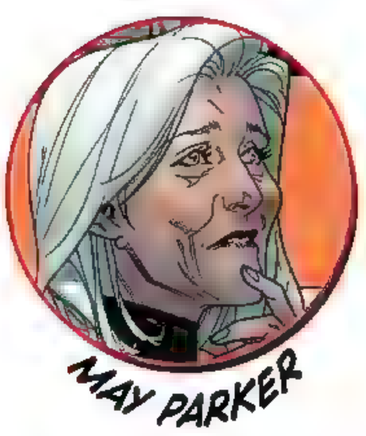

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SOHO.
THE APARTMENT OF BOBBI MORSE, A.K.A. MOCKINGBIRD.

RISE AND SHINE, PETE.

GNNH.

C'MON. IT'S BEEN WEEKS. I'VE FOUND A JOB. NEW DIGS. YOUR TURN.

TIME TO GET ON WITH YOUR LIFE. BRAND NEW DAY!

DON'T. SAY. THAT.

REMIND ME. WHY, AFTER ONLY ONE DATE, ARE YOU CRASHING ON MY COUCH?

DON'T YOU HAVE ANY FRIENDS WHO CAN PUT YOU UP?

NONE WHO KNOW I'M SPIDER-MAN.

WHERE WOULD I PUT ALL OF MY SPIDEY-STUFF?

ABOUT THAT, IT'S EVERYWHERE. I STOMPED ON ONE OF YOUR SPIDER-TRACERS IN THE KITCHEN THE OTHER DAY.

NOT ONE OF MY NEWER ONES! THOSE COST OVER TWO GRAND.

BARELY HAVE ANY OF THOSE LEFT.

SOMETHING ON MY KITCHEN FLOOR LOOKS LIKE A SPIDER, I STOMP IT. NOT SORRY.

FINE.

I'M OFF. TWO THINGS. PICK UP YOUR CRAP. ESPECIALLY YOUR DIRTY CLOTHES.

AND DO THE LAUNDRY.

MINE TOO. GOTTA EARN YOUR KEEP, PETE. SEE YA.

ON IT.

WHAT? NO GOODBYE KISS?

JUST DO THE LAUNDRY, PARKER. I'M NOT YOUR AUNT. AND THIS...?

THIS IS NOT A GOOD LOOK.

DON'T BLAME ME.

IT'S *YOUR* SHIRT.

ASK ME ABOUT MY FEMALE ACE

SO THIS IS ME NOW. PETER PARKER.

EX-BILLIONAIRE C.E.O.

WORLD'S BIGGEST LOSER.

AVOIDER OF CALLS.

HARRY

BZZT BZZT BZZT

CLICK

SURFER OF COUCH.

LOOK ON MY WORKS, YE MIGHTY, AND DESPAIR.

ME

--STORY OF THE YEAR CONTINUES TO BE THE METEORIC RISE AND FALL OF PARKER INDUSTRIES.

THE GROSS INCOMPETENCE OF COMPANY C.E.O. "WUNDERKIND," PETER--

CLICK

--PARKER HAD IT ALL AND LOST IT! FACE IT, HE'S A--

CLICK

DOPE!

CLICK

MORON!

CLICK

IDIOT!

YEAH. THAT'S ENOUGH CABLE NEWS. MAYBE A MOVIE...

I DON'T NEED ONE OTHER THING. NOT ONE--OH-- I NEED THIS.

THE PADDLE GAME AND THE CHAIR. AND THE REMOTE CONTROL. AND THE MATCHES. FOR SURE.

WELL, WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT? WHAT DO YOU THINK I AM? SOME KIND OF A JERK OR SOMETHING?

ASK ME ABOUT MY

CLICK

OKAY. NO TV. I'LL JUST CHECK OUT THE MORNING...

DAILY BUGLE

...PAPER?

PROBABLY ANOTHER "PARKER BLEW IT BIG-TIME" STORY.

BOBBI MUST'VE CUT IT OUT TO SPARE ME.

FACE IT, PETE, YOU ARE DAMN LUCKY TO HAVE SOMEONE LIKE THAT LOOKING OUT FOR YOU.

ASK ME ABOUT MY FEMINIST AGENDA

NOT Peter's

Bobbi

ALL Bobbi's

HA HA

PETER PARKER: THREAT OR MENACE?

FROM RAGS TO RICHES AND RAGS AGAIN: HOW ONE MAN SINGLE-HANDEDLY DESTROYED AN EMPIRE OVERNIGHT

by Joe Robertson.

UPPER EAST SIDE.
THE HOME OF HARRY LYMAN. PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS HARRY OSBORN.

PETE, PICK UP. IT'S HARRY. AGAIN.

I KNOW YOU'RE BUMMED. YOUR COMPANY'S BEING SOLD OFF BIT BY BIT, AND THAT SUCKS...

...BUT I'VE GOT MY HANDS FULL. THERE ARE SOME HARD CALLS TO MAKE, AND IT REALLY SHOULD BE *YOU* WHO'S--

HA!

STANLEY! DADDY NEEDS THAT.

LIZ? LITTLE HELP?

MOMMM!

OH, I CAN HELP! IS THIS A BID FOR THE *BAXTER BUILDING?*

'CAUSE AS THE HEAD OF *ALCHEMAX*, I CAN TELL YOU...

...I'LL GLADLY TAKE IT OFF YOUR HANDS FOR *THREE* TIMES AS MUCH.

OH, DEAR...

EMMA!

YES, MR. LYMAN.

COME ALONG, NORMIE. WHY DON'T WE ALL GO INTO THE KITCHEN AND HAVE A SNACK.

MOMMY AND DADDY NEED SOME ALONE TIME.

PUH-LEASE. I *KNOW* WHAT THEY'RE DOING, EMMA.

THAT'S MOM'S "HOSTILE TAKEOVER" FACE.

GO EASY ON THE NANNY, BOYS.

DON'T WORRY. MOMMY AND I WILL MAKE THIS QUICK.

JUST THINK, HARRY...IF YOU HADN'T RACED HOME BEFORE ALL OF NEW YORK GOT SEALED IN AN ENERGY BUBBLE*...

...WE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN TRAPPED ***TOGETHER***. WITH NOTHING TO DO. AND THINKING THE WORLD MIGHT END AT ANY MOMENT.

*SEE THE **SECRET EMPIRE** EVENT. --SECRET NICK

NOT HOW I PICTURED US GETTING BACK TOGETHER, BUT--

BUT WHAT? YOU DON'T THINK THIS HAS ALL BEEN AN ***ELABORATE*** PLAY FOR THE BAXTER BUILDING?

CUT IT OUT. I WAS THINKING ABOUT THE ***BOYS***. ESPECIALLY ***NORMIE***.

US BEING A FAMILY AGAIN, IT'S SOMETHING HE'S ***ALWAYS*** WANTED.

AGREED. WE CAN'T LET HIM KNOW UNTIL WE'RE ***ABSOLUTELY*** SURE.

BUT WHAT ABOUT OUR ***FRIENDS?*** DO WE TELL ***THEM?***

OH MY! THE PARTY! I FORGOT ALL ABOUT THE SURPRISE BIRTHDAY FOR FLASH THAT BETTY SET UP. THAT'S TONIGHT!

MIDTOWN.
THE OFFICES OF THE DAILY BUGLE.

YEAH, HARRY. IT'S STILL ON. I'LL TEXT YOU THE ADDRESS. ONE THING THOUGH...

...I INVITED LIZ, TOO. THAT'S NOT GONNA BE *WEIRD*, IS IT?

GOOD. GLAD YOU CALLED. SO FAR I'VE GOTTEN THE WORD OUT TO EVERYONE EXCEPT--

"PETER PARKER...

"...THREAT OR MENACE?!"

ARE YOU GUYS *SERIOUS*?!

WHERE'S JOE ROBERTSON? WE GOTTA TALK! *ROBBIE!*

ONE SEC.

COLIN, THIS LEAD FEATURE IN TOMORROW'S SCIENCE SECTION...

...IT'S INCOMPREHENSIBLE. OUR REGULAR READERS WON'T BE ABLE TO FOLLOW IT.

I FAIL TO SEE WHAT'S SO HARD TO GRASP ABOUT PYM'S THIRD LAW OF MOLECULAR COMPRESSION.

LET'S PUT A PIN IN THAT.

ALL RIGHT, PETER, NOW WOULD YOU MIND TELLING ME WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOU CAN WALK INTO MY PAPER AND TALK TO ME LIKE THAT?

I THOUGHT WE WERE *FRIENDS*, JOE.

HOW COULD YOU WRITE THIS JUNK ABOUT ME?

YOU DIDN'T EVEN *TRY* TO SHOW THINGS FROM MY SIDE. WHAT WENT DOWN WITH PARKER INDUSTRIES, EVERYTHING I DID...

...IT WAS TO *SAVE* LIVES.

TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE!

I HELPED STOPPED THE SPREAD OF THE CARRION VIRUS!

FREED THE OPPRESSED PEOPLE OF SYMKARIA!

AND SACRIFICED ALL I HAD TO STOP MY COMPANY'S RESOURCES FROM FALLING INTO DOC OCK AND HYDRA'S CONTROL!

YOU BARELY TOUCH ON *ANY* OF THAT. INSTEAD YOU PAINT ME AS--

SOMEONE WHO WAS IN OVER THEIR HEAD...

...AND *NOT* READY TO TAKE THE REINS OF A GLOBAL TECH COMPANY.

A MAN WHO LET DOWN *MILLIONS* OF EMPLOYEES AND CONSUMERS AROUND THE WORLD.

WORKING-CLASS MEN AND WOMEN, NO DIFFERENT THAN YOUR AUNT MAY AND UNCLE BEN. YOU LET THEM *ALL* DOWN.

AND I WROTE THOSE THINGS, PETER...

...BECAUSE THEY'RE *TRUE*.

...

YOU'RE RIGHT.

SORRY. I'LL SEE MYSELF--

UM. THAT'S COMPLETELY WRONG.

WHAT?

THE NEW PYM MICRO-PROCESSORS DON'T HAVE MORE MEMORY BECAUSE THEY'RE COMPRESSING MATTER.

THEY'RE NOT SHRINKING COMPUTERS. IT'S MORE LIKE THEY'RE SHRINKING MASSIVE EXTERNAL HARD DRIVES--

--MAKING THEM SO SMALL THAT THEY SHRINK INTO THEIR OWN POCKET DIMENSION. IT CREATES A DIGITAL CLOUD THAT'S THE SIZE OF A UNIVERSE.

REALLY?

YEAH. COOL, RIGHT? BUT ***VERY*** EXPENSIVE. THERE'S NO WAY IT'LL BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. YOU'LL HAVE TO CHANGE THAT LAST LINE.

TH-THANKS.

HEY, PETE. YOU'RE A TOUGH GUY TO GET A HOLD OF. ROUGH DAY, HUH?

ACTUALLY, BETTY, MORE LIKE A ROUGH ***MONTH.***

WELL, YOU KNOW WHAT YOU NEED, SIR? A ***PARTY.***

SON OF A--

HE'S RIGHT. I SEE IT NOW. IT ALL MAKES PERFECT SENSE.

IT DOES, DOESN'T IT?

WAIT. YOU COULD ***FOLLOW*** ALL OF THAT?

YES.

YES, I COULD.

THAT BACK THERE, THAT WAS PAINFUL. AN ALL-NEW *LOW*.

THERE'S FEW PEOPLE ON THIS PLANET I RESPECT MORE THAN JOE ROBERTSON, AND I HAD TO GO MOUTH OFF TO HIM.

WHY? BECAUSE *I* SCREWED UP AND *HE* CALLED ME ON IT.

AND IF ROBBIE THINKS I'M A SCREW-UP, THAT CAN ONLY MEAN ONE THING...

HEY! IT'S *YOU!* THAT PARKER GUY! YOU'RE REALLY SOMETHING, YOU KNOW THAT?

MY SISTER WORKED FOR PARKER INDUSTRIES. NOW SHE'S OUT OF A JOB!

I'M SORRY. I...

YOU PUT THAT BIG ENERGY DOME OVER THE CITY!

UM. NO. THAT WAS ALL FAKED. IT NEVER--

ALL MY WEDDING PICTURES WERE ON MY PARKER DEVICE! NOW THEY'RE GONE!

I HAD *STOCK* IN YOUR COMPANY! WHO'S GONNA PAY FOR THAT?! *YOU?!*

IT'S THAT GUY!

PARKER!

GET 'IM!

ALL RIGHT, I TAKE IT BACK...

...THIS IS MY NEW LOW!

--OWE ME MONEY!

BOUGHT ALL A' YOUR STUPID CRAP!

--RUINED 'CAUSE OF YOU!

PARKERRRR!

WE'RE PAYING EVERYONE BACK! I PROMISE!

PLEASE! JUST...

...LEAVE ME ALONE!

WHAT THE--?

ANYONE SEE HIM?

WHERE'D HE GO?

SO IT'S OFFICIAL, EVERYONE HATES ME.

WELL, MAYBE NOT *EVERYONE*...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEAR EUGENE...

...HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOUUU!

THAT'S *CORPORAL* EUGENE TO YOU! THANKS, GUYS!

GOOD TO HAVE YOU BACK IN THE BIG CITY, PAL.

C'MON, FLASH-MAN! BLOW OUT THE CANDLES AND MAKE A WISH ALREADY!

FLASH THOMPSON! I MUST SAY, YOU HAD ME WORRIED FOR QUITE SOME TIME...

...BUT YOU SHAPED UP INTO A FINE YOUNG MAN--AND ONE WHO'S SERVED HIS COUNTRY WITH HONOR.

THANK YOU, MAY. THAT MEANS A LOT.

I'M SORRY I WASN'T HERE FOR JAY'S FUNERAL. I WANTED TO SHOW MY SUPPORT...

...BUT I WAS SO FAR AWAY*...

DOING WORK FOR THE V.A., OF COURSE.

*ACTUALLY, HE WAS OFF EARTH AS VENOM, SPACE KNIGHT. --NICK

SPEAKING OF VETERANS AFFAIRS...

...I WAS WONDERING IF WE COULD WORK TOGETHER WITH YOUR ***UNCLE BEN FOUNDATION*** TO HOST AN EVENT TO HELP WOUNDED WARRIORS.

I'M SORRY, EUGENE, BUT OUR FORTUNES WERE TOO TIED TO PARKER INDUSTRIES.

I'M AFRAID THERE MIGHT NOT ***BE*** AN UNCLE BEN FOUNDATION MUCH LONGER, DESPITE ALL OF OUR GOOD WORKS.

MAN, I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW BADLY PETER MESSED THAT ALL UP.

HE'S LUCKY HARRY'S BEEN DEALING WITH ALL OF THE FALLOUT--OR HE'D PROBABLY BE IN PRISON ABOUT NOW.

IT HASN'T BEEN ***THAT*** BAD. THE WORST THING IS, PETE WAS SO ADAMANT ABOUT TAKING A SMALL SALARY...

...AND CUTTING THINGS DOWN TO THE WIRE--THAT HE'S PRACTICALLY FLAT BROKE RIGHT NOW.

REMEMBER THE LAST TIME HE WAS THIS DOWN AND OUT?

AND WE ALL GOT TOGETHER AND FURNISHED HIS OLD APARTMENT AS A SURPRISE FOR HIM?

MAN, THAT WAS ***YEARS*** AGO!

HE IS ***WAY*** TOO OLD FOR THAT NOW.

I MEAN, IT'D JUST BE EMBARRASSING, RIGHT?

POOR PETEY...

I'M HOME. AND WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP...

...TO? WOW. THE SAME *EXACT* SPOT.

HAVE YOU EVEN *MOVED* SINCE I'VE BEEN GONE?

TRUST ME. IT'S FOR THE BEST. I'M TALKING FATE OF THE WORLD HERE.

HAVEN'T YOU HEARD? I'M A THREAT. A MENACE. MUST BE STOPPED. AND THIS COUCH HAS STOPPED ME.

THE COUCH OF DOOM. I'VE FINALLY MET MY MATCH.

AT LEAST TELL ME YOU DID THE LAUNDRY.

AH. WELL... UM. I'LL GET *RIGHT* ON THAT...

FWAP

HEY...

...THIS IS *NOT* LAUNDRY.

NOPE. IT'S NOT. GET DRESSED. WE'RE GOING *OUT*.

ADMIT IT. THIS FEELS A LOT BETTER, DOESN'T IT?

...

YEAH. UP HERE ON PATROL, EVERYTHING'S JUST... CLEARER.

SPIDER-MAN AND MOCKINGBIRD. LOOKING FOR SOME BAD GUYS!

AWW! YOU REMEMBERED OUR THEME SONG!

YO! GETTING SOMETHING ON MY POLICE SCANNER.

SUPER VILLAIN IN TIMES SQUARE. COPS ARE ON THE SCENE... AND DOWN!

BETTER HURRY! WHO'S THE CROOK AND WHAT'S THE CRIME?

"JOHNNY HORTON, A.K.A. THE *GRIFFIN!* AND HE'S...UM...

"...HE'S STEALING EMPANADAS."

GRIFFIN? WHAT ARE YOU DOING, MAN? YOU'RE ROBBING FOOD TRUCKS NOW?

NOT BANKS, OR JEWELRY STORES, OR ARMORED CARS?

FOOD TRUCKS?

YEAH! WHAT ABOUT IT?

WHEN I PINCH DIAMONDS, I GOTTA *FENCE* 'EM. IF I GRAB CASH, I'M STILL USING IT TO *PAY* FOR STUFF.

SO I FIGURE, WHY NOT CUT OUT THE MIDDLE MAN...

...AND *TAKE* THE *STUFF?*

SEE, THAT'S WHAT I LEARNED WHEN THAT BIG ENERGY BUBBLE WENT UP OVER THE CITY.

IT'S ALL JUST A BIG JUNGLE OUT HERE. AND ME? I'M KING OF THE BEASTS.

THAT MEANS FROM NOW ON, I TAKE *WHATEVER* I WANT *WHEN* I WANT.

YOU DON'T GET IT, DO YOU, JOHNNY? THAT'S *NOT* WHAT *GREAT POWER* IS ALL ABOUT!

IT'S NOT WHAT IT CAN *DO* FOR YOU, IT'S WHAT *YOU* CAN--

OH, *SHUT* YOUR *SPIDER-HOLE!*

WHAT?!

YOU HEARD ME! WHERE DO YOU GET OFF MAKING SPEECHES? PLAYING THE HERO?

WE'VE ALL *SEEN* WHAT YOU'VE BEEN UP TO! YOU WEREN'T UNDER THAT DOME WITH REST OF US!

I WAS OFF FIGHTING DOC OCK!

YOU WERE OFF GALLIVANTIN' AROUND THE GLOBE WITH YOUR PAL, PARKER!

YOU CAN WEB-OFF FOR ALL WE CARE! WE GOT THIS!

AW, C'MON! CUT ME SOME--

SWAKK

OW!

FOOOOM

HEH! THAT'S WHATCHA GET FOR NOT WATCHING YOUR BACK!

AAGH!

ZZAT

MOCKINGBIRD!

I WAS SOFTENING HIM UP FOR YOU.

YOUR TURN!

ALL RIGHT! LET'S WRAP THIS UP BEFORE ANYONE ELSE GETS HURT!

FWAM

YOU WRECKED MY CAR, YOU STUPID JERK!

LIKE YOU CARE!

MINE TOO! YOU GONNA GET PARKER TO PAY FOR THAT?!

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU PEOPLE?

HE'S NOT WORKING FOR PARKER ANYMORE!

SPIDEY WALKED AWAY WITH *NOTHING*! BUT HE'S STILL DOWN HERE! FIGHTING FOR *YOU*!

BOO FRICKIN' HOO.

HERE, WEB-HEAD. LET ME PUT YOU OUTTA YOUR MISERY!

MY TRUCK! PLEASE!

IT'S *ALL* I *HAVE*!

GNN!

KNOW WHAT THAT'S LIKE!

DON'T WORRY, PAL. I GOT IT.

REALLY?! YOU'RE *NOT* LETTING GO, ARE YA?

NO! THIS TRUCK IS THAT GUY'S WHOLE *LIFE*, HORTON!

AND I'M GONNA *SAVE* IT! 'CAUSE *THAT'S* WHAT I DO!

HA! YOU'RE MAKING THIS *WAY* TOO EASY!

HE'S NOT GETTING IT, SPIDEY. SOME GUYS NEVER DO...

...UNTIL YOU GET *THEM* WHERE IT *REALLY* HURTS.

ZZTTT

D'OH!

PHEW! THERE YA GO. NOT QUITE AS GOOD AS NEW...

...BUT STILL IN ONE PIECE.

BLESS YOU, SPIDER-MAN! FOR YOU, MY FRIEND, FREE EMPANADAS FOR *LIFE!*

TODAY'S SPECIAL COMES WITH FRIED HUEVOS.

CAN'T... BELIEVE... YOU DID THAT...

PLEASE. EVERYTHING'S STILL IN THE SAME PLACE.

SPIDEY!

SPIDEY!

SPIDEY!

SPIDEY!

WELL, *THAT* WAS A FUN NIGHT OUT.

AND IT LOOKS LIKE SOMEBODY'S BACK IN THE SWING OF THINGS.

LITERALLY.

THANKS, BOBBI.

HERE. YOU EARNED IT.

MAN, I *REALLY* NEEDED THAT.

FOR ALL MY COMPLAINING AND WHINING, IT'S ALL SO CLEAR TO ME NOW...

Bobbi

THINGS ARE LOOKING UP.

THIS?

THIS IS A GOOD LOOK ON YOU. C'MERE...

NOT FOR PETER PARKER.

BUT Y'KNOW WHAT? FORGET *THAT* GUY. WHO NEEDS HIM?

'CAUSE WHENEVER I WANT, I CAN BE

the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

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IS THIS
VENOM
WITH EDDIE
BROCK AND FLASH
THOMPSON?!

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MY NAME IS PETER PARKER.

AND AS YOU CAN SEE, I WASN'T EXACTLY WHAT YOU'D CALL *POPULAR* IN HIGH SCHOOL.

(IN FAIRNESS, I'M NOT REALLY POPULAR *NOW*, BUT WHAT CAN YOU DO?)

MY LIFE CHANGED FOREVER WHEN I WAS BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER.

THE SPIDER BITE GAVE ME POWERS BEYOND MY IMAGINATION-- AS EVIDENCED BY WHAT I DID WITH THOSE POWERS AT FIRST...

THIS FOOLISHNESS.

AFTER YEARS OF BEING PICKED ON, I DECIDED TO GET WHAT WAS MINE. I WAS THE SMARTEST KID IN MY CLASS... BUT I WAS SO STUPID.

I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THE TRUE POWER I HAD BEEN GIVEN...

HEY, STOP THAT GUY!

NOT MY PROBLEM, PAL!

...UNTIL IT WAS MUCH TOO LATE.

BEN PARKER

HE WAS LOVED

I CAUGHT THE MAN WHO KILLED MY UNCLE AND SENT HIM TO JAIL. IN THAT MOMENT, I REALIZED WHAT I MUST DO WITH MY POWERS.

UNCLE BEN WAS MY HERO. HE ALWAYS TOLD ME THAT WITH GREAT POWER, THERE MUST ALSO COME GREAT RESPONSIBILITY.

SO, IN HIS HONOR, I BECAME...

the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

I TRIED TO KEEP THINGS SIMPLE.

YOU CAN SEE HOW THAT'S WORKED FOR ME SO FAR.

I'LL SAY THIS MUCH...

...IT'S NEVER BORING.

AND THE BEST PART?

UNLIKE HIGH SCHOOL, I'M NOT *ALONE* IN THIS FIGHT.

MY JOB IS SIMPLE.

KEEP EVERYONE SAFE.

NEVER GIVE UP...

...NO MATTER THE ODDS.

FOR MY *UNCLE*...

...FOR*EVER*.

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THINGS ARE WORSE THAN EVER FOR PETER PARKER.

FOR A TIME, HE WAS THE OWNER AND OPERATOR OF A WORLDWIDE TECHNOLOGY FIRM, BUT WHEN A VILLAIN THREATENED TO TWIST EVERYTHING HE HAD BUILT FOR SELFISH AND EVIL MEANS, PETER HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO DESTROY THE COMPANY.

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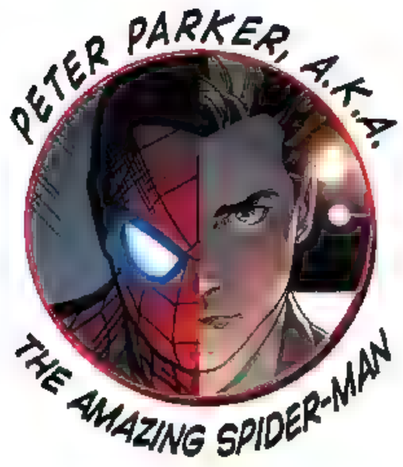

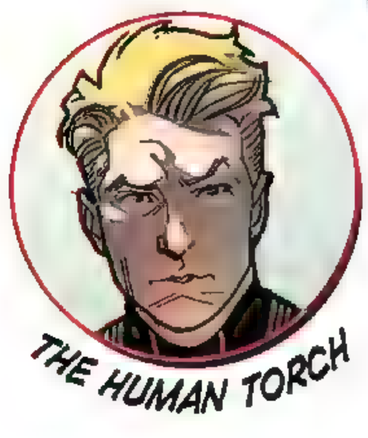

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I'M SORRY.

FOR ANY PAIN, DISTRESS OR DIFFICULTY I'VE CAUSED YOU...

...I, AND I ALONE, TAKE FULL AND COMPLETE RESPONSIBILITY.

I DON'T MEAN THIS AS AN EXCUSE, BUT I HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND THAT IF I COULD, I WOULD HAVE MADE SURE THIS ***NEVER*** HAPPENED.

SENDING THAT PAINFUL SIGNAL THROUGH YOUR ***WEBWARE*** SAVED COUNTLESS LIVES, AND THERE WAS NO WAY AROUND IT. BUT THAT DOESN'T ERASE THE EFFECT MY ACTIONS HAD ON YOU...

...OR THE LOSSES YOU SUFFERED AS A RESULT OF THE COLLAPSE OF ***PARKER INDUSTRIES.*** I'VE LIQUIDATED EVERYTHING I HAVE. IT'S THE ONLY WAY FOR ME TO EVEN ***BEGIN*** TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT.

I HOPE THE SETTLEMENT WE'VE AGREED TO, AND MY APOLOGY, CAN HELP YOU BEGIN TO PUT THIS BEHIND YOU, BUT I KNOW THEY DON'T FULLY MAKE UP FOR...

...LOSING YOUR JOBS. AND THE DISTRESS FROM HAVING TO PERSONALLY DESTROY EVERY ASSET AND SHRED OF DATA PARKER INDUSTRIES HAD TO KEEP IT OUT OF ***DR. OCTOPUS'S*** HANDS.

I APPRECIATE YOUR COURAGE IN CARRYING OUT THE PLAN TO DO SO. OBVIOUSLY, I NEVER WANTED ANY OF THIS TO HAPPEN... BUT I'M IN CHARGE. IT'S MY COMPANY.

WAS.

THAT MEANS...IT'S ON ME. I KNOW THAT. AND I HOPE YOU BELIEVE ME WHEN I SAY I WILL ***NEVER*** STOP BEING PROUD OF WHAT WE AT PARKER INDUSTRIES WERE ABLE TO DO TOGETHER...

...AND I AM SO, ***SO*** SORRY IT HAS TO END LIKE THIS.

I KNOW THAT WAS HARD. BUT THIS WAS THE LAST STOP ON YOUR APOLOGY TOUR. AND IT WAS STAND-UP OF YOU TO EVEN DO IT.

FINALLY.

BUT SERIOUSLY, MOST COMPANIES SETTLE WITHOUT EVER ADMITTING TO ANY WRONGDOING... *PETE?* DID YOU HEAR--

LOOK AT THEM, HARRY. THEY REALLY HATE ME.

UNAMERICAN

THEY DON'T EVEN *KNOW* YOU. THEY HATE WHAT HAPPENED, AND SO DO YOU. WHICH IS WHY YOU'RE WORKING SO HARD TO MAKE AMENDS.

AND A BIG PART OF THAT IS GETTING OUR MOST VALUABLE PROPERTY READY FOR SALE. SO LET'S HEAD OVER THERE, OKAY?

YEAH... SURE...

I'M GLAD TO HEAR YOU SAY THAT. I KNOW THE PLACE HAS SENTIMENTAL VALUE FOR YOU, BUT WITH MANHATTAN REAL ESTATE PRICES WHAT THEY ARE, SELLING IT IS OUR BEST CHANCE TO--

PETER?

AW, COME *ON*, PETE...

YOU'RE PULLING THIS #$%& AGAIN? *REALLY?!*

THIS GOT OLD BACK WHEN WE WERE IN COLLEGE, PARKER. *COLLEGE!*

HATE TO BAIL ON HARRY, BUT I HAD TO GET OUT OF THERE.

I'VE DEALT WITH PEOPLE HATING SPIDER-MAN, BUT THIS IS...DIFFERENT. HARDER. MAYBE BECAUSE IT'S *NOT* SPIDER-MAN THEY HATE THIS TIME.

THIS TIME... IT'S *ME.*

ON THE BRIGHT SIDE, NEW YORKERS ACTUALLY SEEM TO LIKE SPIDEY NOW, SO ALL IT TAKES IS A QUICK CHANGE...

...AND I DON'T HAVE TO HEAR ANY MORE CROWDS YELLING FOR THE HEAD OF--

PETER PARKER.

AS IF HE HASN'T SCREWED ME OVER ENOUGH!

BEYOND FOREVER NIGHTCLUB. NOW CLOSED.

HE *HUMILIATED* ME. USED MY MIND AND TOOK THE CREDIT. AND NOW HE'S GOING TO SELL OFF THE THINGS I INVENTED WHILE I WAS WORKING FOR PARKER INDUSTRIES?

HELL, NO. THAT STUFF'S *MINE.* AND WE'RE GETTING IT *BACK.*

THAT'S WHAT I LIKE TO HEAR, CLAYTO-- SORRY, *CLASH.* I MEAN, THE ROBIN HOOD THING'S COOL AND ALL, BUT IT'S TIME WE LOOKED OUT FOR *OURSELVES.*

WHAT LOCATION ARE WE HITTING? WHEREVER IT IS, I BET THERE'S ALL KINDS'A STUFF WE CAN SNAG. MAKE *FAT STACKS* FENCING TECH THAT AIN'T EVEN OUT YET--

NO. I DON'T WANT ANY OF PARKER'S CONSUMERIST JUNK. JUST WHAT I CREATED AS CLAYTON COLE.

I *WILL* PAY YOU EXTRA FOR THIS JOB, THOUGH, 'CAUSE IT'S NOT GOING TO BE EASY. WE HAVE TO BREAK INTO ONE OF THE MOST SECURE BUILDINGS IN THE WORLD, ALSO KNOWN AS...

...PARKER INDUSTRIES NEW YORK.

WHICH, BEFORE THAT, WAS THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE *FANTASTIC FOUR,* ALSO KNOWN AS...

"...THE BAXTER BUILDING."

NO. *NUH-UH.* NOT A SNOWBALL'S CHANCE.

PETER PARKER'S MY ***FRIEND.*** HE'D ***NEVER*** SELL MY HOME TO SOME...SOME ***CONDO-FLIPPING FINANCE BRO!***

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE YOU LIVED HERE, JOHNNY. PETE'S MY FRIEND TOO, AND I CAN TELL YOU HE DIDN'T WANT TO DO THIS... BUT HE DOESN'T HAVE A CHOICE.

WELL...MAYBE I CAN MAKE A COUNTEROFFER. I'VE GOT SIXTEEN GRAND IN SAVINGS. WHAT'S THAT GET ME?

AT MARKET PRICES? MAYBE ONE OF THE DOORKNOBS.

THIS IS A MISTAKE! ***I WANT TO TALK TO PETE!***

FINE, BUT I JUST HAD A CONVERSATION WITH HIM ABOUT THIS. HE ***KNOWS*** HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE HERE. SO...

"...WHERE THE HECK *IS* HE?"

SHAKESHACK

ONE MORE. WEB-HANDS THIS TIME.

WHEN WE GET HOME, I'LL COOK YOU *REAL* ITALIAN FOOD.

TWIST MY ARM...

♪STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE, CREAM ON TOP! TELL ME THE NAME OF YOUR SWEETHEART! IS IT A.B.C--

MAN, DOUBLE-PARKERS ARE THE *REAL* MENACE TO SOCIETY.

THANKS, SPIDEY!

BZZT BZZT

GAH, TIME TO FACE THE MUSIC. THIS IS GOING TO HURT...

OH, HEY, HARRY...I KNOW, I KNOW. WHAT'S THAT YELLING? NEVER MIND...I'M ON MY WAY.

FUN'S OVER. BACK TO BEING POO-HEAD PARKER.

IF YOU ASK ME, "POOP IDEAS" IS A PRETTY SICK BURN...THE POOP EMOJI IS A LITTLE REDUNDANT, THOUGH.

I'LL WAIT TO CHANGE CLOTHES UNTIL I GET THERE... I CAN MOVE FASTER IF PEOPLE AREN'T TRYING TO TAR AND FEATHER ME ON THE WAY. YEAH, THAT MAKES SENSE.

THERE'S HARRY. AND IS THAT...OH, *GREAT.*

WHERE'S A LITTLE OLD LADY CROSSING THE STREET WHEN YOU *NEED* ONE?

HEY! KEEP IT DOWN! I COULD HEAR YOU FROM LEXINGTON AVENUE!

TELL HIM, SPIDEY! TELL HIM IT'S NOT FOR SALE!

GUYS! INSIDE VOICES!

IT'S NOT UP TO SPIDER-MAN. IT'S UP TO PETER PARKER!

...AND HE ALREADY AGREED TO THIS! SPIDEY, HE TOLD YOU, RIGHT?

YEAH, "SPIDEY," SPILL. WHAT DID PARKER SAY?

WELL, UM...

I THINK PETE MAY NOT HAVE FULLY... APPRECIATED THE COMPLEXITY OF THE SITUATION. BUT...

...FROM WHAT HE TOLD ME...SELLING THE BAXTER BUILDING REALLY KINDA IS THE ONLY WAY TO COVER ALL THE LAWSUITS, AND, UH...

ROLE PLAYING! THAT'S WHAT THERAPISTS DO, RIGHT? LET'S PRETEND I'M PETE. JOHNNY, WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO ME?

I'D SAY...

...FLAME ON!

WALKED RIGHT INTO THAT ONE.

YOU SAID PARKER INDUSTRIES BOUGHT THE BUILDING TO *HOLD ONTO IT!* UNTIL "THE DAY THE FF ARE FINALLY BACK"!

YOU SAID, AND I QUOTE, "THE BAXTER BUILDING WILL *ALWAYS* BE HOME TO THE FANTASTIC FOUR"!

AND I *MEANT* IT!

THAT'S WHY I KEPT THE STATUE HERE! I DIDN'T KNOW ANY OF THIS STUFF WOULD HAPPEN WITH CLONES AND DOC OCK AND HYDRA! I'M SORR--

NO. Y'KNOW WHAT? I'VE APOLOGIZED *ENOUGH* TODAY. I DID MY BEST WITH THIS. AND NO ONE'S CUTTING ME *ANY* SLACK.

SO *BRING IT,* MATCHSTICK.

OH, IT IS *BROUGHT.*

BUILDING'S EMPTY EXCEPT FOR US, SIR. YOU SHOULD EVACUATE--

ARE YOU KIDDING?!

THEY'LL WRECK THE PLACE AND VOID THE SALE! I HAVE TO STOP THIS SOMEHOW!

BEFORE IT GETS ANY *WORSE!*

OKAY, THAT WAS *TOO* EASY.

THEY'RE SO BUSY WITH THOSE TWO IDIOTS, NO ONE EVEN *TRIED* TO STOP ME DISABLING THE SECURITY SYSTEMS! AND NOW...

...NO ONE CAN STOP ME *TAKING BACK WHAT'S MINE.*

WHOA. THIS PLACE IS A GOLDMINE!

ALL I CARE ABOUT IS MY *SONIC TRANSDUCER.* THIS BABY CAN CONVERT SOUND INTO OTHER FORMS OF ENERGY...

...AND NOW IT'S BACK WHERE IT BELONGS. TOO BAD. I REALLY BELIEVED IN PARKER AND THIS COMPANY AT THE BEGINNING...

...BUT I'M NOT LETTING *MY* TECH *GO UP IN FLAMES* WITH THE *REST* OF IT.

WILL YOU LUNATICS THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE DOING FOR TWO SECONDS?!

SORRY TO INTERRUPT, MR. LYMAN, BUT THERE'S SOMETHING YOU NEED TO SEE...

YOU DON'T RESPECT TRADITION! OR HISTORY! OR WHAT THIS PLACE REPRESENTS!

WELL, I'LL TEACH YOU TO RESPECT THE FANTASTIC--

--FOUR!

KROOSH

TUNK TUNK TUNK

TNK

NORMALLY I'D MAKE A JOKE ABOUT LOSING YOUR HEAD, BUT I CAN READ A ROOM.

OH BOY... MAYBE WE CAN FIX IT...WITH SOME GLUE...OR SOMETHING.

I'M...UH... GOOD WITH ADHESIVES...

THINK WE OUGHTA... GO OUTSIDE AND SET A PERIMETER.

WAY AHEAD OF YOU.

I...

...AM...

...GOING...

...TO--

SHUT UP AND LISTEN!

YOUR FIGHT CREATED THE PERFECT AND, SADLY, *LITERAL* SMOKE SCREEN...

...FOR SOMEONE TO ROB US BLIND!

LOOK! IT'S CLASH! UPSTAIRS! IN R&D! LOOTING!

DIDN'T HE USED TO WORK HERE?

YES. BECAUSE I GUESS TODAY'S THE DAY WHEN EVERY BAD DECISION I'VE EVER MADE IS COMING BACK TO BITE ME.

COME ON, LET'S--

--GET OUT OF HERE. WE'VE GOT WHAT WE CAME FOR.

SURE, BOSS. JUST LEMME GRAB A LITTLE SOMETHIN'-SOMETHIN'.

WH--? NO! LET ME REMIND YOU HOW THIS WORKS! YOU'RE THE HENCHMEN, I'M THE SUPER VILLAIN!

I AM VERY DISAPPOINTED TO HEAR THAT, CLAYTON.

YOU.

AFTER ALL THE PROMISES YOU MADE ABOUT GOING STRAIGHT...

YEAH. PROMISES ARE IMPORTANT, AND PEOPLE WHO BREAK THEM ARE SCUM.

YOU CAN'T LET IT GO FOR *FIVE MINUTES?*

I JUST WANT WHAT'S MINE...

...AND FOR *YOU* TO GET *YOURS!*

BOOM

FASTER!

MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST BAIL. WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT THIS THING *IS*.

*UH...*IS IT SUPPOSED TO GLOW LIKE THAT?

LIKE WHA...?

WHAT IS THAT THING?

A SELF-RECHARGING POWER SOURCE. BUT IT'S STUCK IN AN UPWARD CYCLE...

...AND IF WE DO ANY MORE DAMAGE WITHOUT POWERING IT DOWN FIRST, IT'LL *TAKE OUT THE WHOLE BLOCK!*

RUN!

WRRRRRR

THE BUILDING'S FULL OF FAIL SAFES, TELL ME YOU DIDN'T--

DISABLE THEM WHEN I BROKE IN? KINDA. SORTA. YEAH.

CLAYTON!

I KNOW! BUT I'M **NOT** A "BAD GUY"...

...AND I CAN FIX THIS. I'LL COUNTER ITS CYCLE WITH NULL FREQUENCIES--

DAMN! IT'S NOT WORKING!

YOU'LL NEED TO CREATE A ***HARMONIC*** FREQUENCY, NOT A NULL FREQUENCY. AND TORCH, I'M GONNA NEED SOME PRECISE SPOT-WELDING FROM YOU.

BUT ***PARKER'S*** THE SCIENTIST! YOU'RE JUST HIS BODYGUARD! HOW CAN YOU BE SURE--

NIGHT CLASSES. LOOK...

...WE'VE ALL GOT BEEFS WITH EACH OTHER. BUT IF WE WANT TO STOP THE WHOLE BLOCK FROM COMING DOWN--

--WE NEED TO GIVE EACH OTHER THE ***BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT.*** OR THERE WON'T BE ANYTHING LEFT OF US BUT OUR PRIDE.

OKAY, WELD HERE...AND HERE.

HARMONIC PULSE. DOWN THE CENTER.

HOLD FOR ONE...TWO... THREE...

AAAND *STOP.*

NOW EITHER IT BLOWS UP IN OUR FACES, OR--

VVVNNNN

IT WORKED! HEY--THE ROBBERS--

AREN'T GOING *ANYWHERE.*

YOINK!

THWIP

THWIP

I'LL PUT THE STRAGGLERS IN A FLAME CAGE. HOLD UP--WHERE'S CLASH?

THAT CRAFTY LITTLE...

HE MUST'VE MUFFLED HIS SOUND AND SLIPPED AWAY.

SHOULD WE LOOK FOR HIM?

WHO KNOWS WHERE HE COULD'VE GONE? AND HE *DID* STAY TO HELP...

ARE YOU FREAKIN' *KIDDING* ME?

HE'S GOT STOLEN PARKER INDUSTRIES TECHNOLOGY! *OF COURSE* YOU SHOULD GO AFTER HIM!

CLAYTON ONLY TOOK WHAT HE CREATED. AND DID THE RIGHT THING WHEN IT MATTERED. I DON'T MIND--

YOU DON'T MIND. AND PETER DOESN'T CARE. *I'M* THE ONLY ONE GETTING AN ULCER OVER THIS.

AND Y'KNOW WHAT? I'M DONE.

IF YOU SEE PETE, TELL HIM *I QUIT!*

HARRY, HOLD ON...

LEAVE IT. THAT GUY'S MORE STEAMED THAN I AM. SPEAKING OF WHICH, I'M STILL MAD AT YOU, BUT...

...WELL, IT KINDA LOOKS LIKE YOU COULD USE A FRIEND RIGHT ABOUT NOW.

IT'S LIKE, I'D *FINALLY* GOTTEN EVERY-THING RIGHT FOR ONCE, Y'KNOW?

I WAS PUSHING SCIENCE FORWARD! HELPING PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD, AS BOTH SPIDER-MAN *AND* PARKER. *THIS WAS WHAT I'D BEEN WORKING TOWARD MY WHOLE LIFE!*

SO OF COURSE I MANAGED TO *BLOW IT ALL UP.*

NAH. JERKS LIKE *DOC OCK* DID THAT. WORST THING YOU'RE GUILTY OF IS TAKING ON MORE THAN YOU COULD HANDLE. EVEN *I'VE* DONE THAT

YOU SHOULD'VE LET SOMEONE ELSE BE C.E.O. IN THE LAB, DOING THE SCIENCE, OR OUT HELPING PEOPLE--*THAT'S* WHERE YOU BELONG. ONE THING I KNOW FROM EXPERIENCE IS YOU CAN'T DO EVERYTHING YOURSELF. YOU NEED A TEAM.

OR A FAMILY...

I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M SAYING THIS, BUT...YOU'RE RIGHT, JOHNNY.

TOO BAD I'VE BLOWN ANY CHANCE I EVER HAD OF DOING ANYTHING LIKE THAT AGAIN...

BZZT BZZT

HULLO. PETER PARKER HERE.

WHO IS THIS AND HOW HAVE I RUINED YOUR LIFE?

IT'S *JOE ROBERTSON,* PETE.

AND THIS IS YOUR *NEW LIFE* CALLING.

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO WORK FOR *THE DAILY BUGLE?*

NO. NOT TAKING PHOTOS, PETE. THIS IS ABOUT *SCIENCE.*

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Hello in here, out there around the world and aboard all the ships at sea!

Associate Webitor Devin Lewis reporting to you live and in-print from Marvel HQ in the heart of New York, and what a crazy few weeks it's been. Not just for us as New York Comic Con looms ever-closer, but for Peter Parker, too, as one of the most epic stories in Dan Slott and Stuart Immonen's run of THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN begins – THE FALL OF PARKER!

But enough gabbing from me! Let's hear from the people who matter – you fans out there in Mighty Marveldom.

Dear Web-heads:

This is indeed a beautiful time in my life. Somehow, between ups and downs, I managed to buy every single AMAZING SPIDER-MAN issue (every month, every year, no matter what). Some months ago, I was told by my wife that I was going to be a father. First time. I'm almost 40, I thought it wouldn't happen. I'm calling him Benjamin. He's gonna be everything I wasn't and all I want is for him to have a beautiful, happy life as I have it now.

Through ups and downs, this loyal reader will be raising a Beautiful Ben (A.K.A. Peter "Benjamin" Parker) to be as noble, good, funny and courageous as Pete is.

I hope you print this as a nice reminder that hope, Ben, is never lost, no matter what.

I love you, son. Start web-swinging. It's a beautiful life!

Baby's due this October ;)

Yours truly,
José Carlos F.

HOLY MACARONI, JOSÉ! A bunch of great news, here, but I think you kind of buried the lede – CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR FIRST CHILD! I can't think of a higher compliment to pay our favorite fictitious web-slinger or his Uncle Ben than instilling their values in your soon-to-be-born little one.

From the Marvel Family to yours, congratulations again! And if Ben happens to share your affinity for all things Spidey, be sure to send us a snapshot of you two enjoying comics together and we'll include it in a future letter column.

Hi there Spider-team,

I just wanted to take a moment to let you know how much I enjoyed issue 32 and Dan Slott's "Personal Demon" story focusing on good old Norman Osborn.

Alex Ross's cover was great as they always are, and it felt nice to shift gears a little from all the action of late to a simple character-driven story that hopefully will bring even more fun in the future. I'm really hoping that Norman can soon find "that cackling! That touch of madness!" and bring back some of that classic Green Goblin vs Spider-Man action.

Keep up the great work!

Matt Nelson
East Berlin, PA

Thanks for reading, and for your letter, Geoffrey! Believe me when I say that you're not the only one rooting for the Goblin to make his return – I am too!

BUT GEOFFREY! WHAT DOES THAT SAY ABOUT US?! WE'RE ROOTING FOR THE BAD GUY!

Dear Dan, Nick, Devin, Allison and the rest of the Amazing Gang,

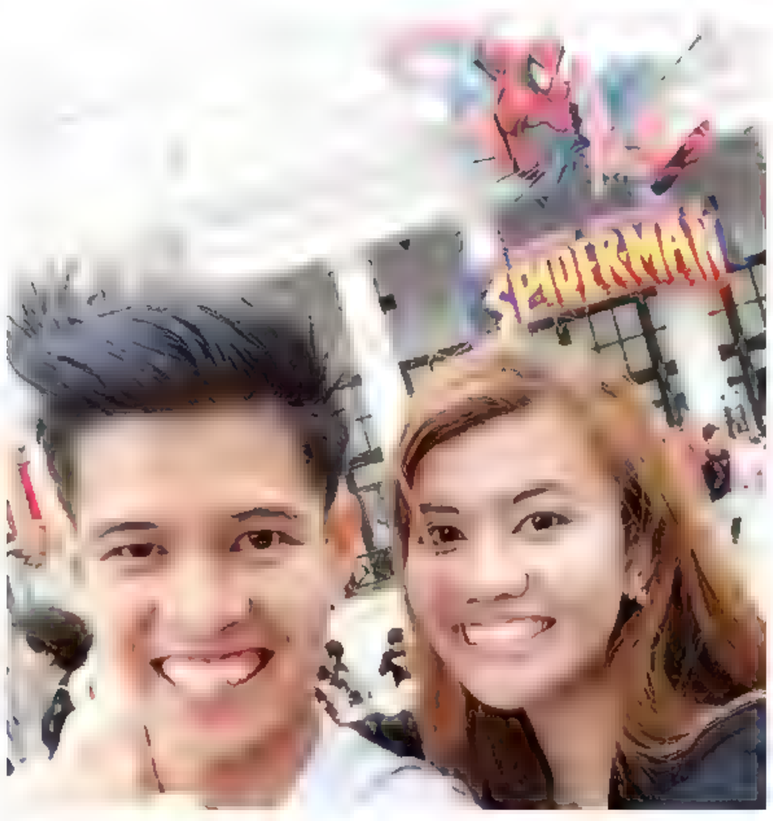
Mabuhay! I am writing you this letter just to let you know how much Spider-Man is inspiring thousands, if not millions of fans all over the world every day, and making them happy. From fighting galactic evildoers to simple petty thieves or even just the dreaded Parker luck, Spidey always seems to reach out into the hearts of all people and inspire them in his own amazingly spectacular and sensational way.

I once wrote you a letter telling how much Spidey has inspired me to become a nurse and help other people. Right now, I transferred to Japan to work there. I am so happy that people here are about as enthusiastic as I am about the web-head! I even felt bad that the SPIDER-MAN: HOMECOMING figures were all sold out at the day of their official release and I wasn't able to buy even just one! Currently, I am so excited for the return of the volume one numberings and I can't wait for the 800th issue!

Thank you for giving us the best stories that you could ever give, and me as a diehard fan and all the other fans around the globe appreciate that and we always get inspired from those.

To celebrate our 10-year anniversary, me and my ever lovin' girlfriend once again posed like Spidey and MJ doing a web-swing together right in front of the Amazing Spider-Man ride in U.S.J Osaka.

Webfully yours,
Lester Jan "Spider-Nurse" Magno
Kobe, Japan



Hi, Lester, and thanks for your letters! Congratulations on ten years with your girlfriend – you two seem like a wonderful couple! Although I'm only guessing that based on this lovely picture you've sent along. Maybe you're both terrible in real life!

(I'm SURE that's not the case).

AND! If it makes you feel any better, I scoured my local stores for those HOMECOMING Marvel Legends – I mean, c'mon, just look at that Vulture Build-a-Figure! And they were almost impossible to find here, too! YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

Dear Spider-Office,

I recently got back into comics after a fifteen-year hiatus. I decided I wasn't going to read Spider-Man because as a kid that was 90% of what I bought, and I figured I had read every Spider-Man story out there.

But occasionally over the last year I would pick up the odd issue of AMAZING SPIDER-MAN just for the cover because I have always loved Alex Ross' art. I was never disappointed in the story either; I recently picked up a trade paperback of SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN and quickly became a big fan of Dan Slott.

In my opinion, he is easily one of the all-time great Spider-Man writers, and my favorite next to Stan Lee. I think the current run of AMAZING SPIDER-MAN are some of the best Spider-Man comics I have ever read, and I can't describe how much I love that Alex Ross does the covers. As long as these two creators are involved in this series I am going to keep reading it.

Keep up the good work,
Cody T.

CODY, MY SWEET, SWEET CODY, HOW I ENVY YOU!

I'm not sure where you're at as you catch up on Dan's run – he's been working on Spider-Man for about ten years now –but to read just about any of 'em for the first time is an absolute treat.

But to read SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN for the first time, too? Hoo, boy! You are in for some GREAT comics.

PLUS! Did you know that Dan is STILL writing Spider-Man? He even wrote this very issue! And Alex Ross is still doing covers! Why, you could probably dive right in and keep buyin' Spidey each and every month! Just sayin'...

Hey Spider-Brains!

Or should I say Octopus-Brains? I love the new Superior Octopus. What a great character. He's the perfect comeback for Otto Octavius. You guys have so many great artists working on THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN, I was wondering who came up with the new look? Was it Stuart Immonen alone? I mean, I'm sure the design is looked at by a bunch of editors, artists and the great Dan Slott, but how exactly is a new look for a villain born? Who was pregnant and who delivered it? Is it like the maternity ward and Dan's the nervous husband, Stuart's in bed with his feet on the stirrups ready to push it out, and Allison, Devin and Nick are the doctor, midwife and doula? I hope you guys get a kick out of picturing that because your comic is always a good time for me.

Thanks, guys,
Mike D.

What an active imagination you have, Mike! The SUPERIOR OCTOPUS was actually designed by JIM CHEUNG! Of course, your favorite editors had the opportunity to voice their thoughts on Otto's new look, but, with an ace like Jim on the case, we were fortunate to be able to watch as he worked his magic.

From there, we gave the design to Stuart (another living legend in the Spidey braintrust!), who breathed life into it in just the way you'd expect.

It's the synthesis of Dan's well-defined understanding of Otto's personality, Jim's attention to detail and Stuart's ability to make two-dimensional characters look and feel like three-dimensional people that make the Superior Octopus so special, and we're glad you think so too!

Sadly, I don't know what this means for your birth metaphor, but I'm okay with that!

ALL RIGHT! I'm late for karaoke, so let's call it a day!

Don't forget to keep readin' and keep writin' to SPIDEYOFFICE@MARVEL.COM to let us know how we're doing! Mark your letters OKAY TO PRINT, and they just might show up in a future issue!

OVER AND OUT!
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BACK AT THE
DAILY BUGLE

IT'S A CAN'T-MISS DATE NIGHT WHEN SPIDEY TAKES ON A TEAM OF KILLER ROBOTS WITH MOCKINGBIRD

LET'S HOPE SPIDEY WILL FINALLY GET THE VENOM SYMBIOTE UNDER CONTROL!

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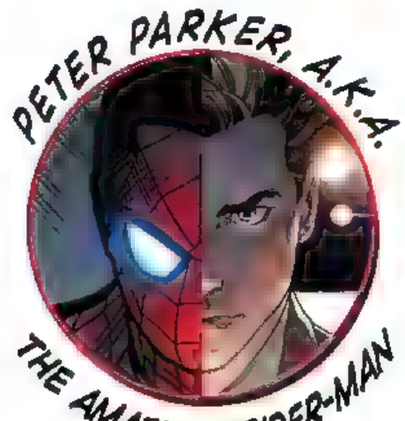
WHEN PETER PARKER WAS BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER, HE GAINED THE PROPORTIONAL SPEED, STRENGTH AND AGILITY OF A SPIDER; ADHESIVE FINGERTIPS AND TOES; AND THE UNIQUE PRECOGNITIVE AWARENESS OF DANGER CALLED "SPIDER-SENSE"! AFTER LEARNING THAT WITH GREAT POWER THERE MUST ALSO COME GREAT RESPONSIBILITY, HE BECAME THE CRIME-FIGHTING SUPER HERO CALLED...

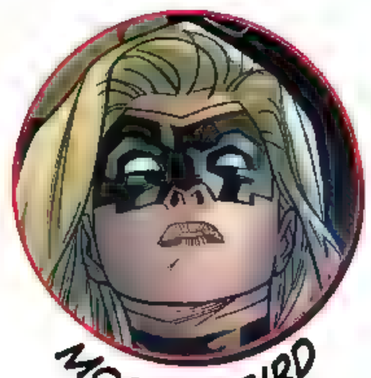
the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

THE FORMER C.E.O. OF PARKER INDUSTRIES HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO DESTROY HIS OWN COMPANY TO KEEP IT FROM FALLING INTO THE HANDS OF THE VILLAINOUS DOC OCK.

SINCE THEN, DEJECTED, UNEMPLOYED AND CRASHING ON MOCKINGBIRD'S COUCH, PETER'S ONLY SOURCE OF HAPPINESS HAS BEEN HIS NIGHTLY PATROLS AS THE WEB-SLINGING WONDER CALLED SPIDER-MAN.

HOWEVER, HE HAS SINCE BEEN OFFERED AN EXCITING NEW JOB OPPORTUNITY FROM ROBBIE ROBERTSON, THE EDITOR IN CHIEF OF HIS OLD WORKPLACE: THE DAILY BUGLE!





FALL OF PARKER

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THE WATERFRONT.

IT IS *MUCH* TOO LATE FOR THIS. FELLAS, NEXT TIME YOU WANNA BREAK INTO SOME SHIPPING CONTAINERS...

...HOW ABOUT DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS, OKAY?

DON'T THINK THAT'S HOW CRIME WORKS, SPIDER.

I'M JUST SAYING THIS IS WAY PAST MY BEDTIME.

AND WHILE THESE GUYS GET TO SLIP INTO UNCONSCIOUSNESS...

...*I'VE* GOT *WORK* IN THE MORNING!

THAT'S RIGHT. I'VE GOT A *JOB!*

THAT'S GREAT, SWEETIE. GETTING YOUR LIFE BACK ON TRACK.

REAL PROUD OF YOU.

BUT DO YOU THINK WE COULD WRAP THIS UP?

SOHO. THE APARTMENT OF BOBBI MORSE, A.K.A. MOCKINGBIRD.

'NIGHT.

SURE YOU DON'T WANT TO...?

I'M GOOD ON THE COUCH. GOTTA FOCUS. CAN'T SCREW THIS UP.

NEW DAY. NEW JOB.

THE *PERFECT* JOB.

ALL RIGHT.
PHONE. WALLET. KEYS.
WORK CLOTHES.
THWIP
WE ARE GOOD TO GO!
SEE YA, BOBBI. I'M OFF TO WORK.
LIKE *THAT?*
JUST FOR THE COMMUTE.
YOU KNOW, YOU *COULD* TAKE A SUBWAY OR BUS. LIKE A *NORMAL PERSON.*
THIS'S FASTER. CAN'T BE LATE. NOT ON MY FIRST DAY!
YEAH. DON'T THINK I HAVEN'T NOTICED...
...BUT YOU'VE BEEN SPENDING THE *BARE MINIMUM* AMOUNT OF TIME AS *PETER PARKER.*
HAVING A JOB THAT FORCES YOU TO BE OUT OF THAT SPIDEY-SUIT? PROBABLY THE BEST THING FOR YOU RIGHT NOW.

DAILY BUGLE

AH. THERE SHE IS. THE ONE AND ONLY *DAILY BUGLE.*

AND THEY SAY YOU CAN'T GO HOME AGAIN.

WELL, TECHNICALLY, I'M NOT GOING *BACK.* NOT AS A FREELANCE PHOTOGRAPHER...

"...THIS TIME I'M ON STAFF...

"...A *FULL-TIME* EMPLOYEE, AND DOING SOMETHING I'VE *NEVER* DONE BEFORE!"

ALL RIGHT, *SCIENCE SECTION,* YOUR TURN. TIME FOR OUR WEEKLY STAFF MEETING.

EVERYBODY HERE, COLIN?

ALMOST EVERYONE, ROBBIE.

FOR A GUY WHO JUST GOT *REPLACED,* YOU'RE SOUNDING A LITTLE SMUG.

NOT SMUG, RUBYLYN. *EXACT.* ABOVE ALL ELSE AN EDITOR NEEDS TO BE *PUNCTUAL.*

I'VE CALLED DOWN TO SECURITY. OUR NEW HIRE HASN'T CHECKED IN YET.

THERE IS *NO WAY* HE'LL MAKE IT TO HIS FIRST MEETING ON...

...TIME?

HEY, PEOPLE.

WHAT'S UP?

WHAT'S THE HAPS? THE SKINNY? THE DL? THE STRAIGHT POOP?

YOU WERE SAYING?

HOW IS THAT EVEN *POSSIBLE?*

HOW'D HE BYPASS RECEPTION? SECURITY? HOW THE--?

THAT, COLIN, IS THE PETER PARKER I KNOW. RESOURCEFUL.

THE MAN ALWAYS FINDS A WAY.

PETE, IF I COULD HAVE A MOMENT...?

SURE, ROBBIE.

AND, SON, MAYBE NEXT TIME, YOU SHOULD GO THROUGH THE LOBBY LIKE--

A NORMAL PERSON?

SOMETHING LIKE THAT. SPEAKING OF WHICH...

...WE SHOULD GO OVER YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS MY NEW *SCIENCE EDITOR.*

YOU OWE ME A SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT THAT'LL BE READY FOR PRESS *EVERY* SATURDAY NIGHT.

THAT'S NOT DAUNTING AT ALL.

LUCKILY, YOU'LL HAVE A FULL STAFF WORKING UNDER YOU. BUT THEY'LL NEED TO BE MANAGED, NURTURED AND, IN WORSE CASES, LET GO. CAN YOU DO THAT?

YEAH...

QUESTION IS, CAN I JUGGLE ALL THAT *AND* MY LIFE AS SPIDER-MAN?

EASY, PETE. YOU GOT THIS. WHILE I'D *LIKE* YOU HERE AT THE *BUGLE* WHENEVER POSSIBLE...

...THE HOURS ARE *FLEXIBLE.*

HOW "FLEXIBLE"?

AS LONG AS THE *WORK* GETS DONE, YOU CAN TELECOMMUTE AS MUCH AS YOU NEED TO. AND TO THAT END-- *HERE.*

AN ALCHEMAX DROID? ARE YOU *KIDDING* ME?!

ROBBIE, I'M PETER PARKER, THE CREATOR OF *WEBWARE.*

THIS'D BE LIKE IF BILL GATES WAS CAUGHT USING AN *iPHONE!*

BILL GATES STILL HAS A COMPANY. YOU NEED TO GET OVER THAT, PETE.

THIS IS A NEW BEGINNING FOR YOU. A FRESH START.

YOU'RE RIGHT. I SEE THA--

FASH

PETER PARKER USING AN A-DROID.

PRICELESS.

I AM *SO* MAKING THIS MY NEW LOCK SCREEN.

PETE, MEET *RUBYLYN BATO.* SHE'S YOUR BEST TECH REPORTER.

RUBY, THIS MAN'S YOUR NEW *BOSS.*

WHATEVER.

I'M *NOT* DELETING THIS.

DID HE CALL YOU "SON" EARLIER?

WE'RE NOT--

MUST BE NICE, YOUR PAL HOOKING YOU UP LIKE THIS. I MEAN, YOU *FAILED* AT RUNNING A COMPANY...

...SO WHY NOT *HAND* YOU THIS *CHOICE* ASSIGNMENT? ON A PLATTER?

IT'S NOT LIKE THAT. I'M NOT HERE 'CAUSE ROBBIE AND I ARE--

HEY, PETE, BEFORE I FORGET, WE SHOULD DO LUNCH THIS WEEK AND CATCH UP.

IT'S NICE HAVING YOU BACK HERE. FEELS LIKE OLD TIMES, RIGHT?

...

STOP LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT.

YOU ARE DEFINITELY THE RIGHT PERSON FOR THIS JOB. I COULDN'T BE HAPPIER WITH YOUR PERFORMANCE...

UPSTATE NEW YORK.
HUMANITECH ROBOTICS INC.

...MS. MORSE.

HUMANITECH IS LUCKY TO HAVE YOU.

TO BE FAIR, YOU ARE PAYING TOP DOLLAR FOR MY EXPERTISE, XANDER.

VERY FEW PEOPLE COULD DESIGN OUR SECURITY SYSTEMS...

...WHILE ALSO UNDERSTANDING EVERY AREA OF THE SCIENCE WE'RE WORKING ON HERE.

DR. ZYNN? WE'RE HAVING A TINY PROBLEM WITH THE NEW OPERATING SYSTEM, SIR.

REALLY? THINGS HAVE BEEN FLAWLESS SO FAR. WHAT IS IT?

THE NEW HUMANITRONS... CAN'T ACCESS THEIR MALE VOICE SETTINGS.

THEY KEEP SWITCHING TO A FEMALE VOICE AS THEIR DEFAULT.

EXECUTE GREETING: HELLO.

AND THAT'S A "PROBLEM"? WOULDN'T A ROBOT WITH A MALE SETTING BE A STEP BACKWARDS?

HELLO? SIRI? ALEXA?

DO WE REALLY WANT TO BE THE COMPANY THAT'S SUPPRESSING A WOMAN'S DIGITAL VOICE? PLEASE.

IS IT JUST ME, OR DOES THIS FEEL LIKE A TRAP?
WANT TO RISK IT?
UM. NO, SIR.
SEE? I KNEW I ONLY HIRED SMART PEOPLE.
BOYS, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME.
BZZT BZZT
HEY, PETEY. YEAH. EVERYTHING'S GREAT OVER HERE.
MORE IMPORTANT, HOW'S YOUR FIRST DAY AT THE NEW GIG GOING?
SORTA GOOD. I'VE GONE FROM "THE GUY WHO DESTROYED A MAJOR CORPORATION"...
...TO "THE BOSS'S PITY HIRE." SO I'M TAKING THAT AS A STEP UP.
I KNOW I CAN TURN THIS AROUND. ALL I NEED...
...IS SOME GREAT, BIG, SEXY SCIENCE STORY FOR MY FIRST--
HUMANITECH? THE ROBOTICS LAB WITH THE REVOLUTIONARY A.I.? YOU'VE GOT AN IN?
YOU'RE *WORKING* THERE?!
UGH. FINE. I'LL SAY IT.
I'VE BEEN WRAPPED UP IN MY OWN DRAMA AND SHOULD'VE BEEN PAYING MORE ATTENTION. SORRY.
WHAT? YOU CAN *DO* THAT?
GUYS! GRAB YOUR COATS AND HATS! WE'RE GOING ON A FIELD TRIP!
WHAT? WHERE TO?
THE *BUGLE* JUST SCORED AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH DR. XANDER ZYNN, AND A GUIDED TOUR OF...

HUMANITECH INCORPORATED! TAKE A GOOD, LONG LOOK, NERDS AND NERDETTES...

...YOU'RE ABOUT TO SEE AN INNOVATION THAT'S A YEAR OUT FROM CHANGING THE WORLD.

ADVANCED AND AFFORDABLE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE! WE'RE GONNA PUT AN ANDROID IN EVERY HOME.

AMAZING!

SORRY, DR. PARKER. DIDN'T MEAN TO RUB YOUR NOSE IN MY SUCCESS...

...WHAT WITH PARKER INDUSTRIES, UM...

TANKING? DON'T WORRY, ZYNN. I'M...OVER IT. MOVIN' ON.

SEE? THIS IS MY MOVIN' ON FACE.

YOUNG. HANDSOME. RICH. CHANGING THE WORLD. AND MY GIRLFRIEND'S WORKING FOR HIM.

HEY, I'M COOL WITH IT. KNOW WHY? A YEAR FROM NOW, WE'RE ALL GETTING CUTE ROBOTS.

I'M ALREADY COMING UP WITH NAMES FOR MINE.

THANKS, XANDER.

ANYTHING FOR YOU, MS. MORSE. SO... THAT'S THE BOYFRIEND?

EXECUTE: CHECKMATE.

EXECUTE: HANDS IN THE AIR!

EXECUTE: KEEPSIES.

DAMN. SHE SHOULD BE THE BACHELORETTE. OR AN OLYMPIC SKATER. OR A DISNEY PRINCESS.

YOU TWO ARE *DATING?*

AND YOU'RE *NOT* A BILLIONAIRE ANYMORE, RIGHT?

HEY. MAYBE SHE LIKES ME FOR WHO I AM, OR...

...MY MIND.

WAIT.

PARKER?

THOSE READOUTS... FEEL REALLY FAMILIAR...

XANDER, YOUR A.I. PROGRAM, THE CODE YOUR ROBOTS ARE RUNNING ON. IT ALMOST LOOKS LIKE...

...*BRAIN* PATTERNS.

GOOD EYE, DR. PARKER. YES. THE A.I. IS MODELED AFTER HUMAN-LEVEL THINKING.

AND WHILE THE PROCESS IS AFFORDABLE...

...SADLY THE HUMANITRONS' SILICON MATRIXES REQUIRE SOME ELEMENTS THAT ARE PROVING A LITTLE HARD TO COME BY.

HMM. AFFORDABLE ROBOTS WITH *RARE* PARTS? HOW DOES *THAT* WORK?

PERHAPS IF ONE WERE TO TAKE A QUICK LOOK UNDER THE HOOD--

NO! YOU'VE SIGNED WAIVERS! THAT'S PROPRIETARY TECH!

I'M *ORDERING* YOU! *STOP IT!*

EXECUTE: STOP!

SPIDER-SENSE!

COLIN!

LOOK OUT!

STOP IT!

GYAH!

GNN!

THIS ISN'T AN ACT! THIS IS TAKING *ALL* OF MY SPIDER-STRENGTH!

S-S-STOP!

STOP...

...ME. PLEASE.

HUH?

OUT! I WANT ALL OF YOU OUT OF HERE! THIS IS *OVER!*

AND YOU TELL JOE ROBERTSON IF I SEE *ONE* MENTION OF THIS IN THE *BUGLE*, I'LL SUE *ALL OF YOU!*

YEAH. WE WERE *SO* GOING TO COME BACK AS *SPIDER-MAN* AND *MOCKINGBIRD.*

MOCKINGBIRD AND SPIDER-MAN.

"SPOCKINGBIRD"?

OH GOD, NO.

LET'S PUT A PIN IN THAT.

NOW *SHHH.*

WE'LL NEED TO BE SUPER-STEALTHY FROM HERE ON OUT.

HIGH-TECH PLACE LIKE THIS IS GONNA HAVE SECURITY UP THE WAZOO.

OH, IT DOES...

BLEEP BOOP BEEP

...'CAUSE *I* DESIGNED IT.

AFTER YOU.

WELL, *THAT'S* NO FUN.

WE COULD'VE HAD A COOL SNEAKING-INTO-A-LAIR MOMENT. AND YOU HAD TO RUIN IT.

ALL RIGHT, HUMANITECH. SHOW ME WHAT YOU GOT.

THAT'S UNSETTLING. DOESN'T ALL THE BLOOD RUSH TO YOUR HEAD? THAT DOESN'T DISTRACT YOU AT ALL?

IT HELPS ME TO SEE THINGS FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE. LITERALLY.

HMM.

WHAT?

THESE BRAINWAVES AREN'T *LIKE* HUMAN ONES.

THEY *ARE* HUMAN ONES. THIS IS THE SAME WAY *DOC OCK* STORED *MY* BRAIN IN AN OCTOBOT.

XANDER ZYNN DIDN'T CREATE A CHEAP FORM OF *ARTIFICIAL* INTELLIGENCE--HE'S USING *ACTUAL* INTELLIGENCE.

IS HE DOWNLOADING PEOPLE INTO THESE ROBOTS?

I DON'T THINK THAT'S IT. THESE ARE ALL THE *SAME* SET OF BRAINWAVES.

SO HE'S COPYING ONE PERSON'S PATTERNS?

OR MAYBE IT'S A *HIVE MIND* OF SOME--

BZZT BZZT

HOLD THAT THOUGHT.

IT'S AUNT MAY. GOTTA TAKE IT.

HELLO, DEAR. JUST CHECKING IN. HOW ARE--

WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU'RE WORKING?

OH MY WORD! YOU HAVE A *JOB?* WHAT'RE YOU DOING? WHO ARE YOU WORKING FOR?

EXECUTE!

EXECUTE!

EXECUTE!

GOTTA GO! TALK LATER!

JUST SO YOU KNOW...

...WE'RE INVITED TO DINNER THIS WEEKEND.

EXECUTE!

NOW?! WE'RE DOING THIS *NOW?!*

EXECUTE!

EXECUTE!

THE *BUGLE.*

NO, I'M NOT "BACKSLIDING."

PETER!

IT'S *NOT* TAKING PICTURES! IT'S A REAL--

PETER!

EX--

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EX--

OH! IS THAT *BOBBI? I LIKE* HER.

IS *SHE* WITH YOU? PUT HER ON.

EXECUTE!

DOES IT BOTHER YOU? PEOPLE THINKING WE'RE A COUPLE?

OOH! WAIT. I GOT IT! HOW ABOUT "MOCKING-MAN"?

WHAT?

INSTEAD OF "SPOCKINGBIRD." FOR OUR COMBO PET NAME. "MOCKING-MAN" WITH--

DON'T YOU *DARE* SAY "A HYPHEN."

WHAT IS THIS?!

TWO OF THE *AVENGERS*?! WHAT'RE YOU *DOING* HERE?!

YOU'LL WRECK *EVERYTHING!*

ALL THE TIME, ENERGY AND SACRIFICE I'VE *PUT* INTO THIS COMPANY! YOU'RE GOING TO RUIN *ALL* THAT I'VE BUILT!

DO YOU EVEN *KNOW* HOW THAT *FEELS*?!

ACTUALLY...

...I KINDA DO.

DO *NOT* SYMPATHIZE WITH THE BAD GUY! HE'S CYBER-ENSLAVING SOMEONE, REMEMBER?

EX-EX-EXECUTE: OVERRIDE!

PUH-PUH-PLEASE.

OKAY...

...THIS IS WHERE COLIN WAS PEEKING EARLIER.

LET'S SEE IF THIS DOES THE TRICK!

EX-EX-EX--

THE SILICON MATRIX!

PHEW! FOR A SEC, I THOUGHT THERE WAS GONNA BE A HUMAN BRAIN IN THERE.

RRNCHH

EX-EX-EX-CAPE!

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KSHH

OH MY GOD. IT WAS SCREAMING.

NO. LISTEN. THEY *WANT* THIS.

PLEASE!

PLEASE!

HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT THIS!

I AM! TRUST ME!

PLEASE! PLEASE! PLEASE!

PUNCH

I'VE FIGURED IT OUT!

AIIII

AAAAIII

AAAI

KESH

KRSHH

HOW COULD YOU?!

EVERYONE WAS GOING TO *WIN!*

ROBOTS IN EVERY HOME! I'D'VE BEEN *RICH!* AND THERE'D BE ONE LESS SUPER VILLAIN IN THE WORLD!

DAMN YOU!

"SUPER VILLAIN"? WHAT'S HE TALKING ABOUT?

HAVEN'T YOU FIGURED IT OUT YET? THE SMART SILICON MATRIXES.

SILICON IS ***SAND.*** AND ALL THE PARTICLES OF THAT ***SMART*** SAND...

"...WERE ACTUALLY TRAPPED PARTS OF--"

AIII!

AI!

I'M! I AM--

--FREE!

WHA--?! THAT'S ***NOT*** SANDMAN.

SINCE WHEN DOES THE DEFAULT SAND-VILLAIN ***HAVE*** TO BE SAND***MAN?***

WE HAVE TO DO THIS ***NOW?*** AND I'M NOT OBSESSING ABOUT THE GENDER, IT'S...

WHO IS THIS?

QUICKSAND. ONE OF THOR'S BADDIES.

HUH. I JUST THOUGHT IT'D BE ONE OF ***MINE.***

IT CAN'T ***ALL*** BE ABOUT YOU, SWEETIE.

ZYNN! YOU CAPTURED ME! SHATTERED ME! TRAPPED ME IN ALL OF YOUR LITTLE TIN CANS!

I SHOULD SMASH YOU INTO A MILLION PIECES! SEE HOW YOU LIKE IT!

OH GOD!

WHOA! EASY THERE, SANDY. HI. REMEMBER ME? THE GUY WHO FREED YOU?

THINK THAT ENTITLES ME TO THREE WISHES, RIGHT? HOW ABOUT WISH ONE--NO SMASHING ANYBODY.

FINE! GUESS I OWE YOU ONE.

I WON'T KILL HIM.

FOR NOW.

WATCH OUT! SHE'S GETTING AWAY! SHOULD WE STOP HER?

OW! ON WHAT GROUNDS? BEING HELD AGAINST HER WILL IN A DOZEN BB-8s?

=COUGH= GOOD POINT.

YOU KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS? THANKS TO MY HELPING YOU AGAIN...

...I'M OUT OF ANOTHER JOB.

DON'T WORRY. I CAN COVER THE RENT NOW.

BUT THAT MEANS YOU'RE ON THE COUCH.

...

JOKING. JUST JOKING. YOU KNOW, SPIDEY. WITH THE JOKES. THAT'S WHAT I DO.

I'LL BE ON THE COUCH.

UM, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I'VE GOT A STORY TO FILE.

DAILY BUGLE

THE FALL OF HUMANITECH

ZYNN GOES MISSING AFTER STARTUP ROBOTICS COMPANY.

THERE'S YOUR MONEY. NO QUESTIONS ASKED.

NOW STAY UNDER THE RADAR. I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO KNOW WHERE I'M GOING.

BUT, DR. ZYNN. I DON'T KNOW WHERE WE'RE GOING.

YOU STILL HAVEN'T GIVEN *ME* A DESTINATION.

ANYWHERE. WE HAVE TO GET MOVING.

JUST NO ***BEACHES***. NOWHERE NEAR ***SAND***.

WHAT DO YOU THINK, LIZ? THE ENTIRE FACILITY'S GOING FOR A SONG.

ALONG WITH SOME OF THEIR VERY... INTERESTING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTIES.

SOLD. YOU'RE GETTING ***VERY*** GOOD AT THIS, HARRY.

WHAT CAN I SAY? DISMANTLING PETER'S COMPANY HAS GIVEN ME QUITE AN EYE...

...FOR SPOTTING OTHER PEOPLE'S ***SCRAPS***.

HI. IT'S HARRY. HARRY LYMAN, HEAD OF ALCHEMAX ACQUISITIONS. WE'LL TAKE IT.

NOT BAD FOR A DAY'S WORK.

PEABODY, HOME PLEASE. IT'S FAMILY GAME NIGHT.

EMMA, HOPE THE BOYS WEREN'T TOO MUCH TROUBLE.

NOT AT ALL, MR. LYMAN. PERFECT LITTLE ANGELS. LIKE ALWAYS.

NORMIE!

MOMMY!

WHAT'D YOU GET ME?

A BIG OL' ROBOT-MAKING FACTORY. YOU LIKE THAT?

CAN I MAKE MY OWN ROBOT ARMY?

SURE. WHY NOT?

HEY, STANLEY. AND WHAT'VE YOU BEEN UP...TO?

EMMA? WHAT HAPPENED TO HIS ARM?

HE AND NORMIE GOT INTO A LITTLE SCRAPE IS ALL.

A SCRAPE?

ROUGH-HOUSING. IT WAS NOTHING.

GUESS BOYS WILL BE BOYS, RIGHT?

OH, THEY'RE PERFECTLY SAFE WITH ME, HARRY. WHY, I TREAT THESE DARLINGS...

...LIKE MY OWN FLESH AND BLOOD.

TAKE A BOW, SCIENCE SECTION.

IT'S NOT EVERY WEEK A SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT'S GOT A BETTER HOOK THAN THE FRONT PAGE.

HMM. THIS IS GOOD. *EMBARRASSINGLY* GOOD.

GUESS YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING AFTER ALL, PARKER.

THANKS, BUT...

DAILY B WEEKEN

...THIS WAS A *TEAM EFFORT.* EVERYONE FLESHED OUT THE INFO I GAVE YOU...

...WITH SOLID RESEARCH AND LOTS OF FOLLOW-UP. SO, "YAY, US!"

TODAY WAS A GREAT START, PETE.

BUT TODAY'S OVER.

THANKS, ROBBIE. I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT--

WHAT DO YOU HAVE FOR *NEXT* WEEK?

SO *THAT'S* HOW IT IS?

YEP. SO? YOU FEEL LIKE YOU'RE UP FOR IT?

I FEEL...

...LIKE I'M HOME.

THE END.

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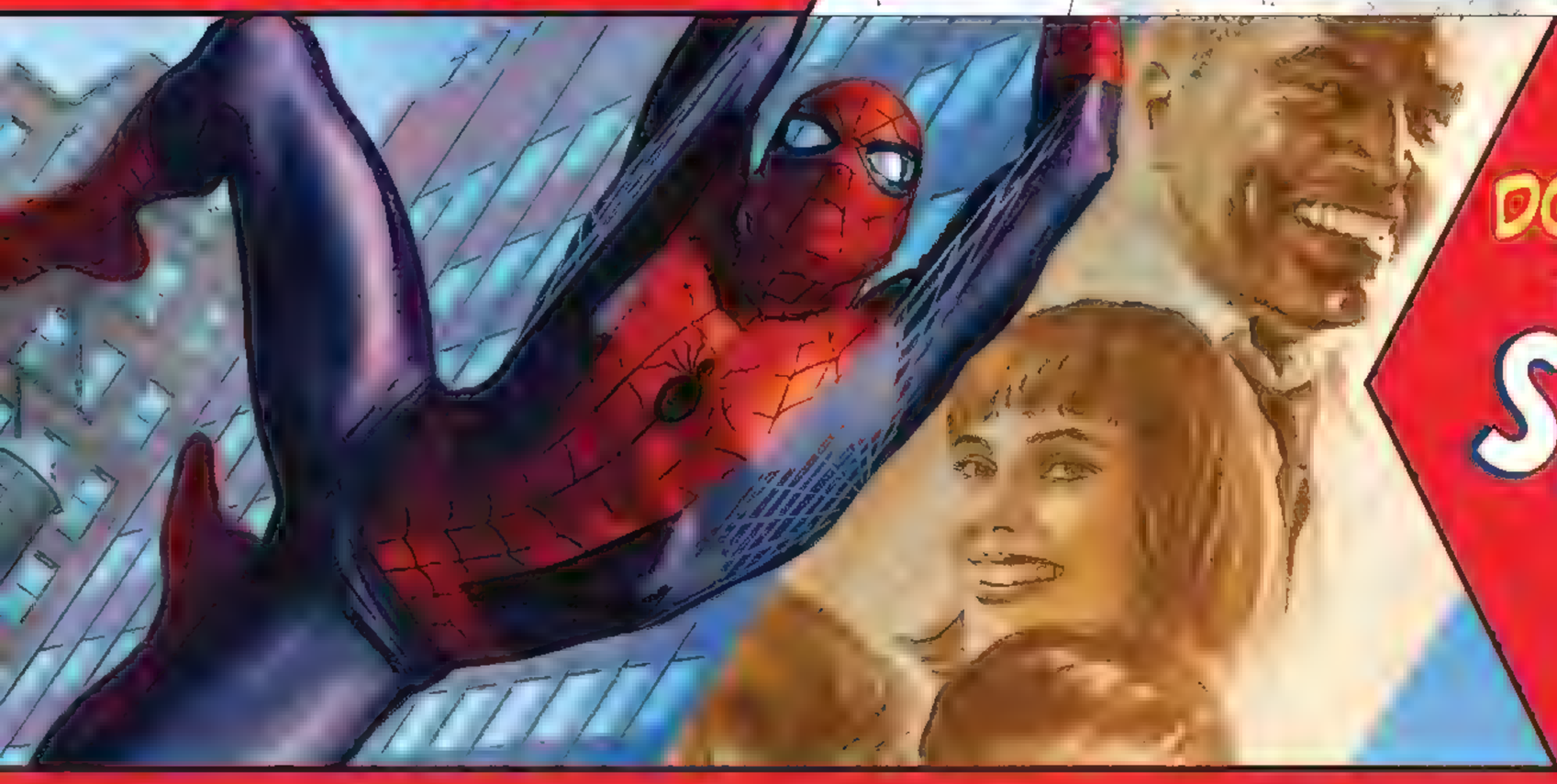

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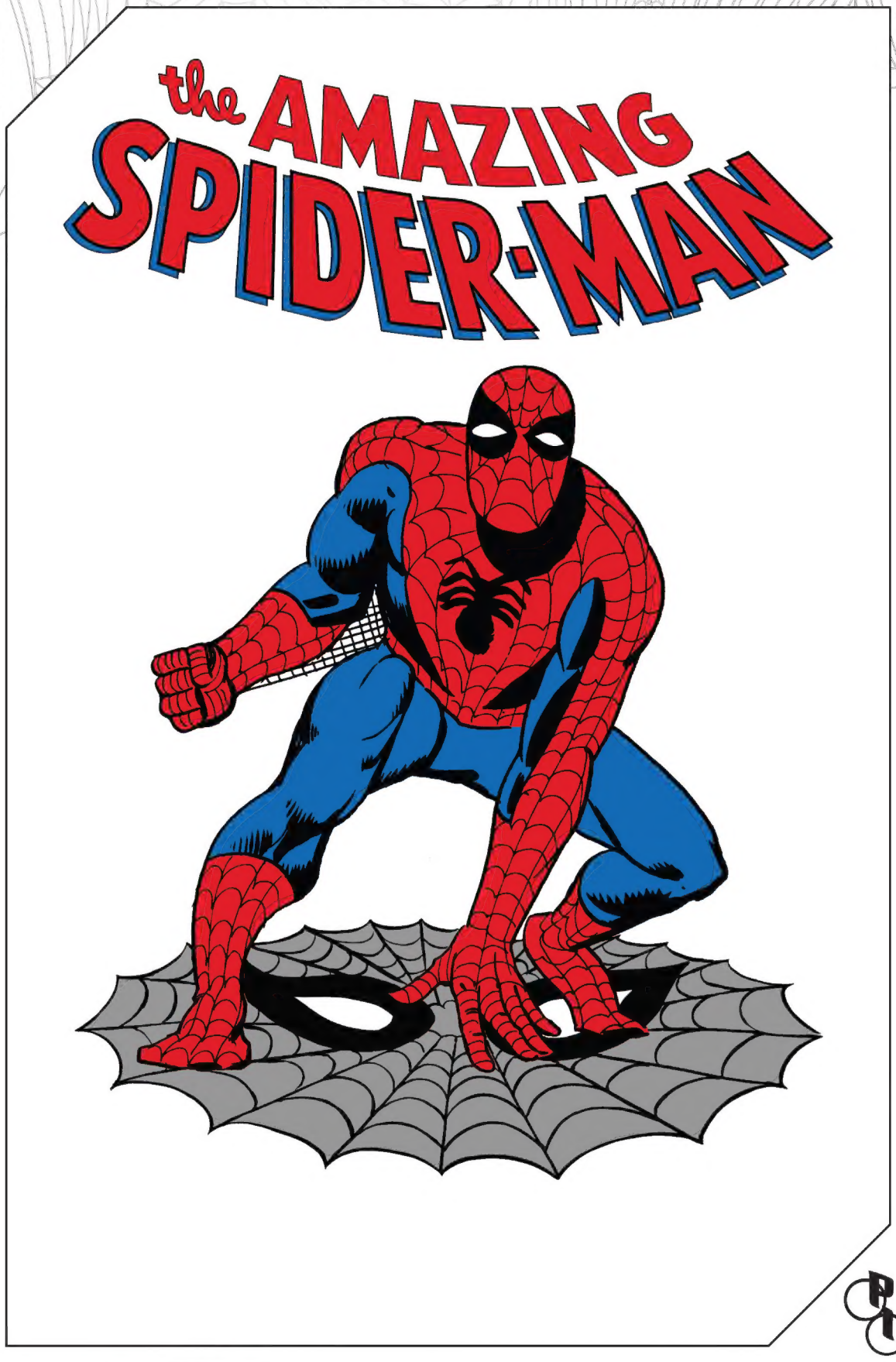

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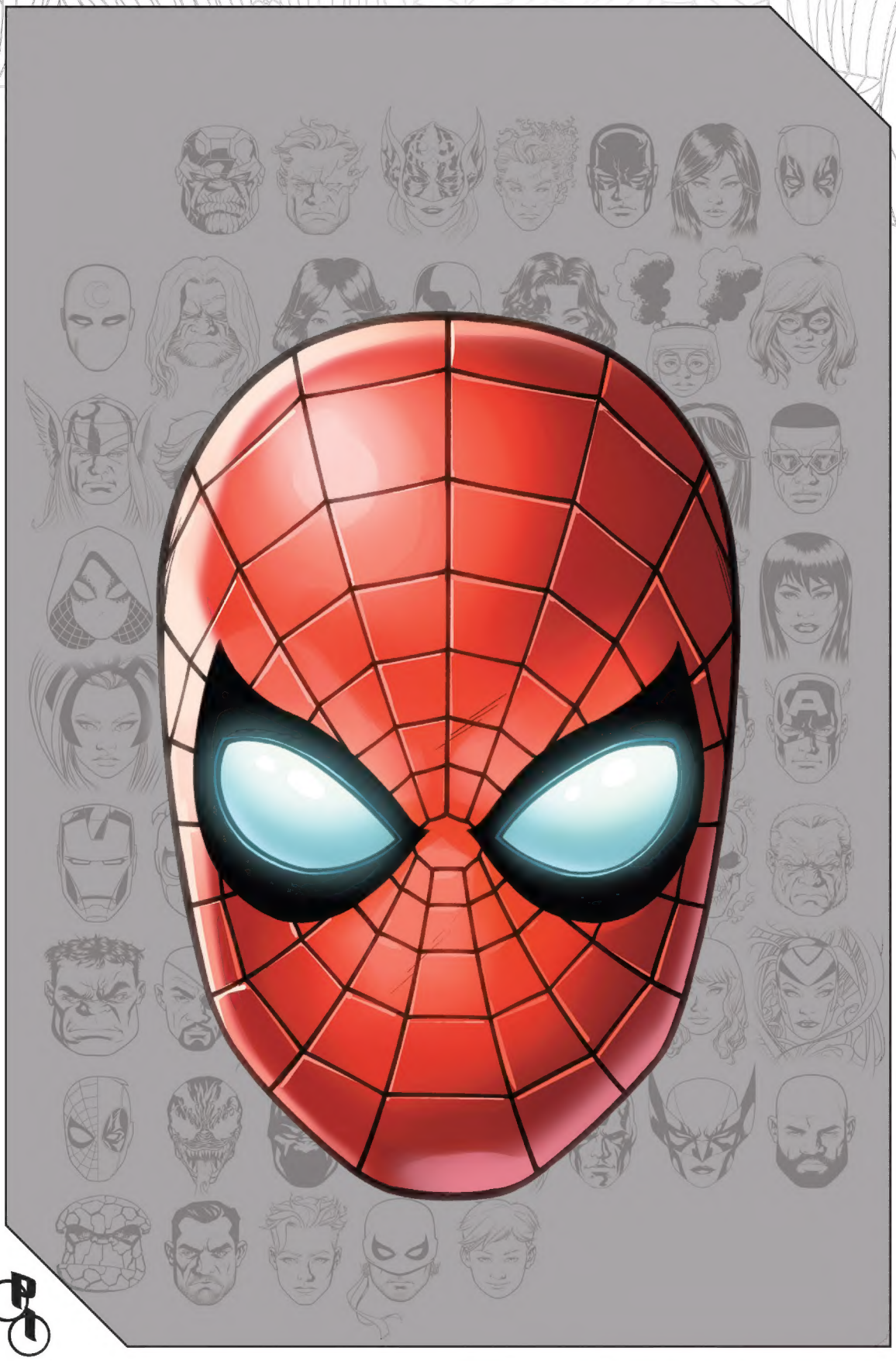

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SECRET EMPIRE BRINGS THE RETURN OF

OTTO OCTAVIUS!

BUT THIS ISN'T THE DOC OCK OF OLD. As the Superior Octopus, he's allied himself with Steve Rogers and Hydra, and he has a personal mission: to take down Parker Industries, the company he helped create! Peter must use the full force of his company, and every asset at his disposal, to stop Ock and Hydra – but will it be enough? Then, as New York recovers from SECRET EMPIRE, a new phase in Spider-Man's life begins. But when that bad ol' Parker luck rears its head, can Mockingbird help put a smile back on Peter's face? Spider-Man is renewed and ready to fight another day, but why is he taking that fight to… the *Daily Bugle*?!

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